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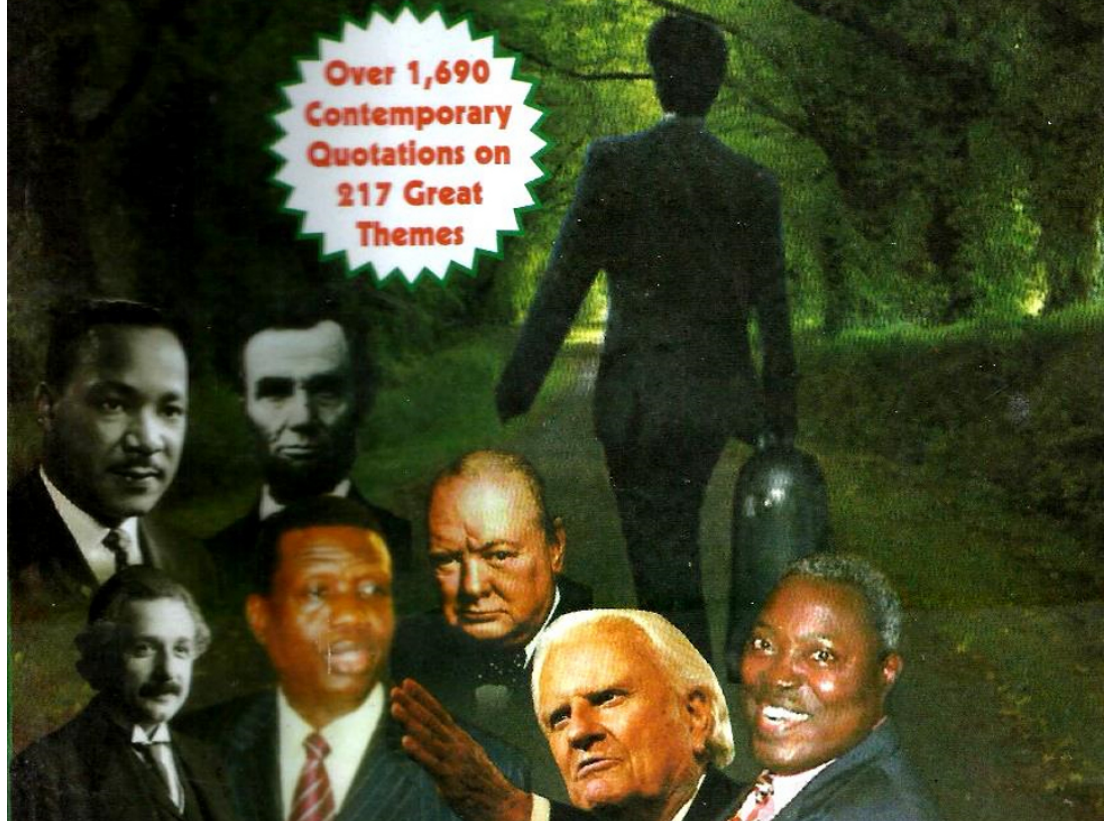


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INTRODUCTION

Pilgrims Dictionary of Quotations is a timely and timeless book that offers its readers the good life on earth while grooming them for a blissful eternity. The contents, arranged thematically and in alphabetical order, will meet the needs of everyone studying for personal development and edification in secular and spiritual matters.

Moreover it provides ready material, especially for public speakers, preachers, and writers that would reduce time and effort spent in researching for illustrative tools for their work.

ABILITY

And unto one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one; to every one according to his several ability; and straightway took his journey.

–Bible

Matthew 25:15

You are a bundle of incredible abilities, an amazing creation of God.

–Rick Warren

The Purpose Driven Life

Since your natural abilities are from God, they are just as important and as “spiritual” as your spiritual gifts. The only difference is that you were given them at birth.

Ibid

Ability is nothing apart from opportunity.

–John L. Mason

Let Go of Whatever Makes You Stop

My God-given talent is my ability to stick with something longer than anyone else.

–Herschel Walker

When I evaluate myself and my own talents, I realise that one special talent that I have been given is a hand – eye coordination, combined with the ability to think in three dimensions. That gift, along with my interest in the brain, enabled me to say, “I should be a brain surgeon.”

–Dr. Ben Carson

Think Big

It is not enough just to have abilities; we must learn to recognise them and use them appropriately.

–*Ibid*

If you consciously believe that you have the ability to achieve your goals and you can hold a picture of those goals clearly in your mind long enough and hard enough, eventually your outer world will correspond with it.

-Brian Tracy
Financial Success

ABORTION

Thou shalt not kill.

-Bible
Deuteronomy 5:17

If men strive, and hurt a woman with child, so that her fruit depart from her, and yet no mischief follow: he shall be surely punished, according as the woman's husband will lay upon him; and he shall pay as the judges determine.

Exodus 21:22

Any person, who with intent to procure miscarriage of a woman whether she is or she is not with child, unlawfully administers to her or causes her to take any poison or other noxious thing or uses any force of any kind, or uses any other means whatever, is guilty of a felony, and is liable to imprisonment for seven years.

-The Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, Vol. 2. The Criminal Code section 228

Abortion is the termination of pregnancy before it is due. It may be legal in order to save the life of the mother, in which case the decision is by medical conference, or it may be illegal.

-Dr. Vincent O. Uzodike

Most doctors who perform abortions know that they are killing babies. Doctors have enough scientific orientation to know that the signs of the humanity of the foetus cannot be ignored.

-Joe S. McIlhaney Jr., M.D

I am deeply troubled by my own increasing certainty that I have, in fact, presided in over sixty thousand deaths. There is no longer serious doubt in my mind that human life exists within the womb from the very onset of pregnancy, despite the fact that the nature of the intrauterine life has been the subject of considerable dispute in the past.

-Bernard N. Nathanson, M.D

Abortion leads to an appalling trivialization of the act of procreation.

-Donald Coggan, British bishop.

From the moment of conception, the life of every human being is to be respected in an absolute way...no one can, in any circumstance, claim for himself the right to destroy directly an innocent human being.

–Paul VI (1897 – 1978), Italian pope.

The greatest destroyer of peace is abortion because if a mother can kill her own child what is left but for me to kill you and you to kill me? There is nothing between.

–Mother Teresa of Calcutta (1910 – 1997), Albanian-born Roman Catholic nun, Nobel Peace Prize lecture

Every abortion kills a baby and harms the mother.

–Rosemary Arinze

Objection to abortion is not a religious sentiment because abortion is murder and this is based on the scientific fact that life starts at conception.

Rosemary Arinze

ACCOMPLISHMENT

So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.

–Bible

Isaiah 55: 11

I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

Philippians 4:13

I long to accomplish a great and noble task but it is my chief duty to accomplish small tasks as if they were great and noble.

–Helen Keller

What you believe is the force that determines what you accomplish or fail to accomplish in life.

–John L. Mason

Despise not the day of small beginnings because you can make all your mistakes

anonymously.

–Pat Robertson

Have confidence that if you have done a little thing well, you could do a bigger thing well, too.

–H. Storey

If a person has the desire to accomplish something, the direction to know his objective, the dedication to stay focused, and the discipline required to put in the hard work, the other things come easy.

–Shiv Khera

You Can Win

If you're hunting rabbits in tiger country, you must keep your eye peeled for tigers, but when you are hunting tigers you can ignore the rabbits.

–Henry Stern

If you don't get what you want, it is a sign either that you did not seriously want it, or that you tried to bargain over the price.

–Rudyard Kipling

The first law of success... is concentration – to bend all the energies to one point, looking neither to the right nor to the left.

–William Mathews

ACCUSATION

And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the Kingdom of our God, and the Power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.

–Bible

Revelation 12:10

When Jesus had lifted up himself and saw none but the woman, he said unto her, Woman, where are those thine accusers? Hath no man condemned thee? She said, No man, Lord. And Jesus said unto her, Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more.

Satan will take your personal history and bombard you with it until you believe that not only has your life been of little value to date, but that you will never amount to too much in the future.

-Dr. Reginald Klimionok

Overcoming the Giants in your Land

The devil is the accuser of the brethren... and he carries on his malicious designs against them, not only by accusing them himself before God, as he did Job, but by acting as a lying spirit in the mouths of his instruments, whom he employs to accuse them before magistrates and kings and to make them odious to the many and obnoxious to the mighty.

-Matthew Henry

ACTION

Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might, for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest.

-Bible

Ecclesiastes 9:10

Talk no more so exceeding proudly: let not arrogancy come out of your mouth: for the LORD is a God of knowledge, and by Him actions are weighed.

1 Samuel 2:3

The more we do the more can do.

-William Hazlitt

Successful leaders have the courage to take action while others hesitate.

-John Maxwell

Start by doing what is necessary, then what is possible, and suddenly you are doing the impossible.

-St. Francis of Assisi

If it's worth doing, it's worth doing imperfectly – until you can do it perfectly.

-Anon.

By taking one step at a time, you can be a success through the power of action.

–Robert Tilton

Before you actually start climbing a mountain, you make careful plans and go through mental conditioning; but you still get to the top of the mountain by taking one step at a time.

–Robert Tilton

All that is required for evil to prevail is for good men to do nothing.

–Edmund Burke (1729 – 1797)

Inspirations never go in for long engagements; they demand immediate marriage to action.

–Brendon Francis

Watch your actions; they become habits. Watch your habits; they become character. Watch your character, it becomes your destiny.

–Frank Outlaw

Good resolutions are like babies crying in church; they should be carried out immediately.

–Charles M. Sheldon

Don't give pity – give action.

–Anon.

If you limit your actions in life to things that nobody could possibly find fault with, you will not do much.

–Charles Dadyson

When thoughts do not neutralize an undesirable emotion – action will.

–W. Clement Stone

The Success System That Never Fails

Study while others are sleeping; work while others are loafing; prepare while others are playing and dream while others are wishing.

–William Ward

Sympathy is no substitute for action.

-David Livingstone

ADDICTION

I beseech you, brethren, (ye know the house of Stephanas, that it is the firstfruits of Achaia, and that they have addicted themselves to the ministry of the saints,) that ye submit yourselves unto such, and to every one that helpeth with us, and laboureth.

-Bible

I Corinthians 16:15, 16

The addicted person is one who has become a slave to something. He has lost self-control in that area. Something has become a compulsive habit that he cannot break.

-Ron Smith

Christian Counselling

The habit of drinking, drugs or smoking begins easily enough as a pleasure, but the tragedy is that some become hooked and they begin to experience a strong dependence upon these things which they cannot break free.

Ibid

Old habits die hard.

-Proverb.

Drunk has taken five million men and women in the U.S, taken them as masters take slaves, and new acquisitions are going on at the rate of 200, 000 a year.

-Journal of the American Medical Association

The kids on heroin all have long histories of drug use.

-Dr. Marvin Schwaz, a Chicago Psychiatrist.

All sin tends to be addictive, and the terminal point of addiction is what is called damnation.

-W. H. Auden (1907 – 1973), British poet.

ADMINISTRATION

Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business.

-Bible

Acts 6:3

And Pharaoh said unto his servants, Can we find such a one as this is, a man in whom the Spirit of God is? And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, Forasmuch as God hath shown thee all this, there is none so discreet and wise as thou art: Thou shalt be over my house, and according unto thy word shall all my people be ruled: only in the throne will I be greater than thou.

Genesis 41: 38 – 40.

Choosing men for office in the church or any of its auxiliaries without reference to spiritual qualifications must of necessity result in an unspiritual administration.

-J. Oswald Sanders.

Spiritual Leadership

The Holy Spirit does not take control of any man or body of men against their will. When He sees elected to positions of leadership men who lack spiritual fitness to cooperate with Him, He quickly withdraws and leaves them to implement their own policy according to their own standard, but without His aid.

Ibid

The number of sad situations that occur in the ministry because ministers do not budget their income is alarming. These men do not intend to do wrong, but they involve themselves in obligations, which the strength of their ministry does not warrant. Then they wake up to the cold reality and are tempted to do something desperate.

-Gordon Lindsay

The Charismatic Ministry

Any person you cannot control, instruct or direct should not be your associate. He probably sees himself as more of an equal, but there can be only one Head. Anything with two heads is a freak.

-Dag Haward – Mills

Ministerial Ethics

A government which robs Peter to pay Paul can always depend on the support of Paul.

George Bernard Shaw

Many Pastors are suffering untold personal grief and frustration because their people do not understand or practice the biblical principle of obedience to those in authority.

-C. Peter Wagner

The more boards and committees in a church the more chances for bickering, infighting and conflict of interests. They slow down the decision-making process sometimes almost to a standstill. In many churches there are far too many chiefs in proportion to Indians.

-C. Peter Wagner

A wise leader is always looking for a way to keep good people, not fire them... There will always be some staff who must be fired, but many staff members should be relocated rather than removed from the team.

-Casey Treat

Church Management

The deterioration of every government begins with the decay of the principles on which it was founded.

-Charles Louis de Secondat, Baron de Montesquieu

The Spirit of the Laws

Uneasy lies the head that wears the crown.

-William Shakespeare

King Henry IV, Part II

ADVERSITY

If thou faint in the day of adversity, thy strength is small.

-Bible

Proverbs 24: 10

Remember them that are in bonds, as bound with them; and them which suffer adversity as being yourselves also in the body.

Hebrews 13: 3

The storms of adversity, like those of the ocean, rouse the faculties, and excite the invention, prudence, skill and fortitude of the voyager.

-Dr. Sidney N. Bremer

Preparation for adversity is the best way to prosperity.

-Anon.

In the presence of trouble, some people grow wings; others buy crutches.

-Harold W. Ruoff

Adversity brings talents, which in prosperous circumstances would have lain dormant.

-Anon

ADVICE

Every purpose is established by counsel: and with good advice make war.

-Bible

Proverbs 20: 18

Advice is like snow; the softer it falls the longer it dwells upon, and the deeper it sinks into the mind.

-Samuel Taylor Coleridge

Advice is seldom welcome, and those who need it the most like it the least.

-Lord Chesterfield

He that won't be counselled can't be helped.

-Benjamin Franklin

A consultant solves other people's problems. I could never do that. I want to help other people solve their own problems.

-Charles Handy, Irish-born British management educator and writer.

AFFLICTION

Is any among you afflicted? Let him pray. Is any merry? Let him sing Psalms.

-Bible

James 5: 13

And the LORD said, I have surely seen the affliction of my people which are in Egypt, and have heard

their cry by reason of their taskmasters; for I know their sorrows.

Exodus 3: 7

God is not deaf to the cries of his afflicted people.

-Matthew Henry

God gets his best soldiers out of the highlands of affliction.

-Anon.

Affliction does not hit the saint by chance, but by direction. God does not draw His bow at a venture. Every one of His arrows goes upon a special errand and touches no breast but his against whom it is sent. It is not only the grace, but the glory of a believer when we can stand and take affliction quietly.

-Joseph Caryl

The good news is not that God will make our circumstances come out the way we like, but that God can weave even our disappointments and disasters into His eternal plan. The evil that happens to us can be transformed into God's good.

-Ron Lee Davis

I had never known what such and such things meant in such and such Psalms; such complaints and workings of spirit; I had never understood the practice of Christian duties, had not God brought me under some affliction.

-Catherine Luther

There is a limit to affliction. God sends it and removes it.

-C. H. Spurgeon

Afflictions are often the black folds in which God doth set the jewels of His children's graces, to make them shine the better.

-C. H. Spurgeon

Strength is born in the deep silence of longsuffering hearts; not amid joy.

-Felicia Hemans

Affliction comes to us, not to make us sad but sober; not to make us sorry but wise.

-Henry Ward Beecher

It is thus through our trials and afflictions that God gives us fresh revelations of Himself and the Jabbock ford leads to Peniel, where, we “see God face to face” and our lives are preserved.

-William Taylor

Gold is tried by fire, brave men by affliction.

-Seneca

AID

And the LORD God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him.

-Bible

Genesis 2: 18

My help cometh from the LORD, which made heaven and earth.

Psalms 121: 2

The most satisfying thing in life is to have been able to give a large part of oneself to others.

-Pierre de Chartin

Behind an able man there are always other noble men.

-Chinese proverb

Someone is always observing you who is capable of greatly blessing you.

-Mike Murdock

Give me fire and I'll give you a light.

-Proverb

No man becomes rich unless he enriches others.

-Andrew Carnegie

You cannot push anyone up the ladder unless he is willing to climb a little.

-Andrew Carnegie

If you want to lift yourself up, lift up someone else.

-Booker T. Washington

The race of mankind would perish did they cease to aid each other. We cannot exist without mutual help. All therefore that need aid have a right to ask it from their fellowmen; and no one who has the power of granting can refuse it without guilt.

-Walter Scott

Selfishness is the greatest curse of the human race.

-William E. Gladstone

The purpose of human life is to serve, and to show compassion and the will to help others.

-Albert Schweitzer, a physician, theologian and philosopher

How necessary it is that we who live in the midst of an apostate Christendom watch our words and actions so that we might be a help to those around us and not a hindrance.

-H. L. Heijkoop

The Book of Ruth

Do all the good you can,
By all the means you can,
In all the ways you can,
In all the places you can,
At all the times you can,
To all the people you can,
As long as ever you can.

-John Wesley

ALCOHOL

Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise.

-Bible

Proverbs 20: 1

Woe unto him that giveth his neighbour drink, that putteth thy bottle to him, and makest him drunken also, that thou mayest look on their nakedness.

Habakkuk 2: 15

Complete abstinence is better than perfect moderation.

-St. Augustine

No drug known to man is more widely used, nor more frequently responsible for deaths, injuries or crimes than is ethyl alcohol.

-S. I. McMillen

One reason that I don't drink is that I want to know when I am having a good time.

-Lady Astor

Drink like a fish only when you drink what a fish drinks.

-Anon.

Drinking makes a person lose his inhibitions and give exhibitions.

-Anon.

A man who gives himself to the demon of alcohol becomes a slave to its addictive properties. It mocks him. It steals his dignity. It takes control of his will.

-Ray Comfort

Abstaining is favourable both to the head and the pocket.

-Horace Greeley

Soberness conceals what drunkenness reveals.

-Anon.

Drunkenness unmans the man.

-Thomas Brooks

Wine has drowned more than the sea.

-Publilius Syrus

Drunkenness is nothing else but a voluntary madness.

-Seneca

Alcoholism is a disease? If so, it is the only disease that is contracted by an act of the will. It is the only disease that requires a license to propagate it. It is the only disease that is bottled and sold. It is the only disease that promotes crime. It is the only disease that is habit-forming. It is the only disease

that is spread by advertising. It is the only disease that is given for a Christmas present.

-Peter L. Ream

A drunk person will say what a sober person is thinking.

-Anon.

The road to hell is paved with empty wine bottles.

-Anon.

I have better use for my brain than to poison it with alcohol. To put alcohol in the human brain is like putting sand in the bearing of an engine.

-Thomas Edison

Balanced judgement will certify that intoxicating liquor leaves an unbalanced budget, unbalanced men and women, an unbalanced home and an unbalanced social order.

-Cliff Cole

AMBITION

How art thou fallen from heaven, o Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High. Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit.

-Bible

Isaiah 14: 12 – 15

Keep away from people who try to belittle your ambitions. Small people always do that, but the really great make you feel that you, too, can become great.

-Mark Twain

Most people would succeed in small things if they were not troubled with great ambitions.

-Henry Wordsworth Longfellow

Passion for fame; a passion which is the instinct of all great souls.

-Edmund Burke

Be not afraid of greatness: some are born great, some achieve greatness, and some have greatness thrust upon them.

-William Shakespeare

Twelfth Night

Cromwell, I charge thee, fling away ambitions,
By that sin fell the angels; how can man then,
The image of his Maker, hope to profit by't?

-William Shakespeare

If you wish to reach the highest, begin at the lowest.

-Publilius Syrus

The men who succeed are the efficient few. They are the few who have the ambition and will power to develop themselves.

-Herbert N. Casson

I am inclined to think that ambition in any ordinary sense of the term is nearly always sinful in ordinary men. I am certain that in the Christian it is always sinful, and that it is most inexcusable of all in the ordained minister.

-Bishop Stephen Neill

“Address to Ordinands,” *The Record*, 28 March 1947, p.161

ANGER

An angry man stirreth up strife, and a furious man aboundeth in transgression.

-Bible

Proverbs 29: 22

He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty; and he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city.

Proverbs 16: 32

To rule one's anger is well; to prevent it is even better.

-Tryon Edwards

Anger is a momentary madness, so control your passion or it will control you.

-Horace

When a man is wrong and won't admit it, he always gets angry.

-Halliburton

ANXIETY

Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God: And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

-Bible

Philippians 4: 6, 7

Rest in the LORD, and wait patiently for him: fret not thyself because of him who prospereth in his way, because of the man who bringeth wicked devices to pass. Cease from anger, and forsake wrath: fret not thyself in any wise to do evil.

Psalms 37: 7, 8

The anxious person is subject to feelings of apprehension, worry or fear, where a well adjusted person will experience no such anxiety.

-Ron Smith

Christian Counselling

The anxious person is sometimes affected physically; experiencing breathing difficulties, excessive perspiration, headaches, dizziness, tremors, restlessness and sleep loss. *Ibid*

God never built a Christian strong enough to carry today's duties and tomorrow's anxieties piled on the top of them.

-Theodore Ledyard Cuyler

Nothing in life is more remarkable than the unnecessary anxiety which we endure, and generally create ourselves.

-Disraeli

Why are some Christians so anxious, so fearful? Evidently, because they have not left their way with

the Lord. They took it to Him, but brought it away with them again.

-Anon.

What does your anxiety do? It does not empty tomorrow of its sorrow, but it empties today of its strength. It does not make you escape the evil; it makes you unfit to cope with it if it comes.

-John Watson

We have a lot of anxieties, and one cancels out another very often.

-Winston Churchill

People know you live in the region of anxious care by the lines on your face, the tones of your voice, the minor key in your

life, and lack of joy in your spirit. Scale the heights of a life abandoned to God, then you will look down on the clouds beneath your feet.

-Rev. Darlow Sargeant

ASSURANCE

But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them.

-Bible

2 Timothy 3: 5

And we desire that every one of you do shew the same diligence to the full assurance of hope unto the end.

Hebrews 6: 11

When I was young, I was sure of everything; in a few years, having been mistaken a thousand times, I was not half sure of most things as I was before; at present, I am hardly sure of anything but what God has revealed to me.

-Anon.

We need not be noisy if we are sure.

-Mary E. Shannon

It is a vital principle of guidance for a Christian never to move out of the place in which he is sure God has placed him, until the Pillar of Cloud moves.

-Sunday School Times

ATHEISM

The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God.

-Bible

Psalms 53: 1

The wicked, through the pride of his countenance, will not seek after God; God is not in all his thoughts.

Psalms 10: 4

If God doesn't exist, everything is permissible.

-Dostoevsky

When a man calls himself an atheist, he is not attacking God; he is attacking his own conscience.

-Michael Pearl

The atheist has no hope.

-J. F. Clarke

An atheist is one who has no invisible means of support.

-Fulton J. Sheen

Science can only be created by those who are thoroughly imbued with the aspiration toward truth and understanding. This source of feeling, however, springs from the sphere of religion. To this there also belongs the faith in the possibility

that the regulations valid for the world of existence are rational, that is, comprehensible to reason. I cannot conceive of a genuine scientist without that profound faith.

-Albert Einstein

The undevout astronomer must be mad.

-Sir William Herschel, A renowned astronomer.

All human discoveries seem to be made only for the purpose of confirming more and more strongly the truths that come from on high and are contained in the Sacred Writings.

-Sir John Frederick Herschel, son of Sir William Herschel; he too, an English astronomer who discovered 500 stars.

God, if you are there, strike me dead.

-Mussolini, the Italian dictator at age 17

It takes no brains to be an atheist. Any stupid person can deny the existence of a supernatural power because man's physical senses cannot detect it. But there cannot be ignored the influence of conscience, the respect we feel for the moral Law, the mystery of first life...or the marvellous order in which the universe moves about us on this earth. All these evidence the handwork of a beneficent Deity... That Deity is the God of the Bible and Jesus Christ His Son.

-Dwight Eisenhower

The curious formation of the bodies of animals, their different sizes, shapes, and natures, with the admirable powers of the sensitive life with which they are endued, when duly considered, serve, not only to silence and shame the objections of atheists, and infidels, but to raise high thoughts and high praises of God in pious and devout souls.

-Matthew Henry

ATTIRE

And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons... Unto Adam also and to his wife did the LORD God make coats of skins, and clothe them.

-Bible

Genesis 3: 7, 21

The woman shall not wear that which pertaineth unto a man, neither shall a man put on a woman's garment: for all that do so are abomination unto the LORD thy God.

Deuteronomy 22: 5

In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with broided hair, or gold or pearl, or costly array; But (which becometh women

professing godliness) with good works.

1 Timothy 2: 9, 10

The demon-possessed man in the tombs would wear no clothing. But when he was delivered from the evil powers, the first thing he did was to put on clothes.

-Gordon Lindsay

The Charismatic Ministry

Christians cannot but be concerned over certain trends in women's dress which in recent years have passed the point of decency. It appears that Satan is deliberately attempting to make nudity acceptable to the public.

Ibid

Mini clothes are symbolic of those girls who want to seduce a man.

-Mary Quant, the mini-skirt inventor

Dress neat.

-Mike Murdock

The well-dressed man is he whose clothes you never notice.

-W. Summerset Maughan.

Clothes don't make the man, but clothes have got many a man a good job.

-Herbert Harold Vreeland

Keeping your clothes well pressed will keep you from looking hard pressed.

-Coleman Cox

God hates anything that destroys the distinction between the sexes.

-William F. Hill

What Is Holiness?

Why is it immoral for a woman to dress like a man or a man like a woman? Because it breaks down the distinction between the sexes and fosters homosexuality and lesbianism.

Ibid

The perversion of clothing started with idol worshippers. Men wore the dress of women when

they presented themselves before the star of Venus. Women wore men's clothing when they presented themselves before the star of Mars. Idols were frequently represented with the features of one sex, but the dress of another. The worshippers of these idols wanted to appear as their gods did.

Ibid

The so-called crimes of passion are increasing alarmingly, and will continue to do so until the principal cause is eliminated. This seems to me to be the present style of dress, which to say the least, is immodest. Immodest dress has a direct bearing on crime incitation, no matter how innocent the wearer may be.

-Dr. Luchenstein

The hair is the richest ornament of women.

-Martin Luther

Thousands of men are in hell whose eternal damnation is due to the improper dressing of women.

Dr. Talmage

ATTITUDE

And Caleb stilled the people before Moses, and said, Let us go up at once, and possess it: for we are well able to overcome it. But the men that went up with him said, We be not able to go up against the people; for they are stronger than we.

-Bible

Numbers 13: 30, 31

The fellow who thinks he is inferior, regardless of what his real qualification may be, is inferior. For thinking regulates actions.

-David J. Schwartz

The atmosphere you permit decides the attitude you convey.

-Mike Murdock.

I have no time to quarrel, no time for regrets, and no man can force me to stoop low enough to

hate him.

-Lawrence Jones

Learning to like ourselves is a guilt-edged investment; health-promoting, happiness-leading, and success-gaining in our lifetime!

-Norman F. Thornton

Of all the things we wear, our expression is the most important.

-Anon

Any fact facing us is not as important as our attitude toward it, for that determines our success or failure.

-Norman Vincent Peale

You can find on the outside only what you possess on the inside.

-Adolfo Montiel Ballesteros

AUTOBIOGRAPHY

Then answered Amos, and said to Amaziah, I was no prophet, neither was I a prophet's son; but I was an herdman, and a gatherer of sycamore fruit: And the LORD took me as I followed the flock, and the LORD said unto me, Go, prophesy unto my people Israel.

-Bible

Amos7:14, 15

A traditional autobiography tells the story of a life in sequential order, including all of the "facts" that make that story unique. But the writer must select some information to include and some to leave out.

-Richard Peace

Spiritual Storytelling

What distinguishes a spiritual autobiography from an ordinary autobiography is the lens through which we look at our lives. In this case, we view our lives through the lens of the spiritual and search for God's footprints in our unfolding lives. We focus on the aspects that reveal to us the activity of God.

-Richard Peace

Ibid

BACKSLIDING

Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back, my soul shall not have pleasure in him. But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; but of them that believe to the saving of the soul.

-Bible

-Hebrews 10: 38, 39

The backslider in heart shall be filled with his own ways: and a good man shall be satisfied from himself.

Proverbs 14:14

The first step in departing from the Lord may be ever so slight, but one never knows where it will lead.

-H. L. Heijkoop

The Book of Ruth

True believers do rise up again when they fall.

Ibid

When a Christian worker backslides and goes into sin, first, there will be a restoration to personal relationship with the Lord and secondly, there will be, perhaps after sometime, official restoration into the work of the Lord.

-W.F. Kumuyi

Evangelism/Missionary messages from Jonah

BEHAVIOUR

Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners.

-Bible

1 Corinthians 15:33

A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach.

1 Timothy 3:2

And he changed his behaviour before them, and feigned himself mad in their hands, and scrabbled on the doors of the gate, and let his spittle fall down upon his beard:

1Samuel 21:13.

Our values form our attitudes.

Our attitudes condition our motives.

And our motives stimulate our behaviour.

-Gregory W. Bourgond

BIOGRAPHY

For as much as many have taken in hand to set forth in order a declaration of those things which are most surely believed among us, Even as they delivered them unto us, which from the beginning were eyewitnesses, and ministers of the word; it seemed good to me also, having had perfect understanding of all things from the very first, to write unto thee in order, most excellent Theophilus, That thou mightest know the certainty of those things, wherein thou hast been instructed.

-Bible

Luke 1: 1- 4

And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book: But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name.

John 20: 30, 31

In reading the lives of great men, I found that the first victory they won was over themselves. Self-discipline, with all of them came first.

-President Harry Truman

One cannot read the lives of great and consecrated men and women without having inspiration kindled and inspiration aroused.

-J. Oswald Sanders

Spiritual Leadership

The reading of good biography forms an important part of a Christian's education. It provides him with numberless illustrations for use in his own service.

-Ransom W. Cooper

I believe biography to be the most taken for granted – and the least discussed-of all the branches of literature. Biographies are widely read, but they are treated as if they came ready-made. Our explicating critics seem to find little in them to explicate; and many indeed read the lives of poets and then hide them, as if they were ashamed of them, insisting on the sanctity of the work of art.

-Leon Edel

Henry James (The Master: 1901-1916)

In spinning tales, in using words, in developing a style, a writer asserts his characteristic being as well as his genius. His work, in the end, becomes a kind of supreme biography.

Leon Edel

Henry James (The Conquest of London: 1870-1881)

BLESSING

And all these blessings shall come on thee and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God. Blessed shalt thou be in the city, and blessed shalt thou be in the field.

-Bible

Deuteronomy 28: 2, 3

Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.

Matthew 5: 7

When God gets ready to bless you, He brings a person into your life.

-Mike Murdock

You can't trample on the rights and feelings of others, charge high prices for shoddy merchandise and at the same time expect God to bless your business.

-Charles Blair.

BOOKS

And further, by these, my son, be admonished: of making many books there is no end; and much study is a weariness of the flesh.

-Bible

Ecclesiastes 12:12

This book of the Law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night;

that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.

Joshua 1:8

The books that help you the most are those which make you think the most.

-Theodore Parker

Some books are to be tasted; others swallowed; and some to be chewed and digested.

-Francis Bacon

Read the best books first, or you may not have chance to read them all.

-Henry David Thoreau

Books like friends should be few and well chosen.

-Samuel Paterson

The man who does not read good books has no advantage over the man who can't read them.

-Mark Twain

A good book is the best of friends, the same today and forever.

-Martin F. Tupper

All books are divisible into two classes: the books of the hour, and the books of all time.

-John Ruskin

The worth of a book is to be measured by what you can carry away from it.

-James Bryce

BUSINESS

Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord.

-Bible

Romans 12: 11

And he said unto them, How is it that ye sought me? Wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?

Luke 2: 49

Lies, trickery, ruthlessness are all recognised practices in business... Christians would do well to be cautious in their business dealings.

-Dr. Reginald Klimionok.

Overcoming the Giants in Your Land

No business which depends for existing on paying less than living wages to its workers has any right to continue in this country.

-Franklin Delano Roosevelt

Address, 1933

To business that we love we rise betime,

And go to't with delight.

-William Shakespeare

Anthony and Cleopatra

My rule always was to do the business of day in the day.

-Arthur Wellesley, 1st Duke of Wellington.

Mobility must be a basic ingredient in any kind of effective action. High-level performers move into situations where they feel they can make a contribution and move out when they sense that they can no longer do anything worthwhile.

-Philip Marvin

Business is like riding a bicycle.

Either you keep moving or you fall down.

-John David Wright

Business exists only for creating customers, more customers and many, many customers.

-Pramod Batra

The big salaries in business always go to those who have what it takes to get things done.

-John C. Aspley

Whenever you see a successful business, someone once made a courageous de-

cision.

–Peter F. Drucker

Industry is the soul of business and the keystone of prosperity.

–Charles Dickens

If we lawyers only took on cases in which we really believed, we'd go out of business in no time.

–Henry Cecil

CALL

Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house unto a land that I will shew thee. And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing; And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.

-Bible

Genesis 12: 1 - 3

Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me.

Isaiah 6: 8

For the gifts and calling of God are without repentance.

Romans 11: 29

A man does not plan to become a minister, as he would decide to choose one of the secular professions. Often, though not always, the call is associated with a powerful spiritual experience.

-Gordon Lindsay

The Charismatic Ministry

It has been well said that if a man can be happy in any other vocation than the ministry, he can be sure he is not called.

Ibid

God chooses ordinary men and women for extraordinary work.

-John L. Mason

A true and safe leader is likely to be one who has no desire to lead, but is forced into a position of leadership by the inward pressure of the Holy Spirit and the press of external situation.

-Dr. A. W. Tozer

Not by might nor by power, neither by native ability nor by training are men made apostles, but by God's effectual calling. So it is with every office within the church. Men are permitted to recognize the call and make public acknowledgement before the congregation, but never are they permitted themselves to make the choice.

-A. W. Tozer

The Divine Conquest

If God has called you, don't look over your shoulder to see who is following you.

-Anon

Ruth was my life partner, and we were called by God as a team. No one else could have borne the load that she carried. She was a vital and integral part of our ministry, and my work through the years would have been impossible without her encouragement and support.

-Billy Graham, on the death of his wife, Ruth on 14th June 2007 at age 87.

Those whom God calls usually find that their first and greatest hindrance comes from their unconverted and carnal relatives. That was why Jesus spoke of 'hating father and mother' as being the first condition of discipleship.

-Zac Poonen

Gaining God's Approval

Who God calls, He equips. Who He equips, He anoints to do the job.

-Keith Provan

What you love is a clue to your calling and talent.

-Mike Murdock

Your strongest desires, talents and, opportunities reveal God's calling and dream for your life.

-Mike Murdock

Every calling is great when greatly pursued.

-Oliver Wendell Holmes

The most important thing in life is the choice of a calling, but that is left to chance.

-Blaise Pascal

Under no circumstance would I have become a pastor not to talk of a General Overseer if God were not the Almighty. There is no way you can fight against this God and win. That is something everybody should know because left to me I did not want to have anything to do with priesthood. When I knew that I was going to be ordained a Pastor, my wife and I fasted for fourteen days praying that God would change His mind.

-E. A. Adeboye

Enoch Adeboye [Father of Nations]

CAREER

Then Joseph came and told Pharaoh, and said, My father and my brethren; and their flocks, and their herds, and all that they have, are come out of the land of Canaan; and, behold, they are in the land of Goshen... And Pharaoh said unto his brethren, What is your occupation? And they said unto Pharaoh, Thy servants are shepherds both we, and also our fathers.

-Bible

Genesis 47: 1, 3.

And Jesus walking by the Sea of Galilee, saw two brethren, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishers. And he said unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.

Matthew 4: 18, 19

Everyone has his own specific vocation or mission in life. Everyone must carry out a concrete assignment that demands fulfilment. Therein he cannot be replaced, nor can his life be repeated. Thus everyone's task is unique, as his specific opportunity to implement it.

-Viktor Franklin.

Pursue the career God equipped you for.

-Mike Murdock

No two persons are born exactly alike, but each differs from the other in natural endowment: one being suited for one occupation and the other for another. All things will be produced in superior quantity and quality and with greater ease, when each man works at a single occupation in accordance with his natural gifts.

-Plato

CARNALITY

For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.

-Bible

Romans 8: 6, 7

And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, even as unto babes in Christ ... For ye are yet carnal: for whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men?

1 Corinthians 3: 1, 3

The trouble with the carnal man is that he lives too near the enemy's territory. His only hope is to put the wilderness between himself and Egypt and thus get so far away from the old life that he no longer hankers after the leeks and garlic of Egypt.

-Oswald J. Smith

Satan can use carnal Christians. The only real trouble in any church comes from uncircumcised flesh. The spiritual is God's goal for every child of His.

-Oswald J. Smith

All carnality is not sinful. It is only natural to have preferences, to eat food, to sleep, and do many other normal things, which in their moderation do not break the Law of God. They become sinful carnality when carried to the point of breaking the Law of God.

-Finis Jennings Dake

CHANGE

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.

-Bible

James 1: 17

Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall be changed, In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.

1 Corinthians 15: 51 - 53

He that will not apply new remedies must expect new evils.

-Francis Bacon

The most gifted leader has limitations that become apparent only after the complimentary gifts of his successor cause the work to develop along lines for which the former leader was unfitted.

-J. Oswald Sanders

Spiritual Leadership

The paths of glory ever lead but to the grave, but a new glory will be revealed. The greatest leader must inevitably be removed by death or some other cause, and the sense of loss will vary with the calibre of his leadership.

Ibid

If you are going to change your life, you need to start immediately and do it flamboyantly.

-Prof. William James

Most people fail in life because they are unwilling to make changes.

-John L. Mason

It is impossible to grow without change. Those who cannot change their minds cannot change anything.

-John L. Mason.

There is nothing so permanent as change.

-John L. Mason

Living consists of making changes. A youth adjusts from being a full-time student to being a full-time employee. A single person learns to adjust to marriage. A previously childless couple learns to adjust when a new baby arrives.

-Arthur Meacham

Only fools and dead men don't change their minds. Fools won't. Dead men can't.

-John Patterson

What you picture in your mind, your mind will go to work to accomplish. When you change your pictures you automatically change your performance.

-Zig Ziglar.

Before you can be changed, you must change your language. If you do not change your language, you

cannot change yourself. If you want to see your children changed, you must first teach them to use the proper language. If you want to see rebellious and irresponsible youths changed into responsible adults you must teach them this new language.

-Dr. David Yonggi Cho.

We must always change, renew, rejuvenate ourselves; otherwise we harden.

-Johann Wolfgang Von Goethe

Progress is impossible without change, and those who cannot change their minds cannot change anything.

-George Bernard Shaw

It must be considered that there is nothing more difficult to carry out, nor more doubtful of success, nor more dangerous to handle, than to initiate a new order of things.

-Niccolo Machiavelli (1469-1527)

When I manage to convince one person to change, I think this is why I'm here. The ability to change things is a powerful incentive.

-Dr.Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala (Federal Minister of Finance, Nigeria, 2006)

CHARACTER

Now the name of the man was Nabal; and the name of his wife Abigail: and she was a woman of good understanding, and of a beautiful countenance: but the man was churlish and evil in his doings; and he was of the house of Caleb.

-Bible

1 Samuel 25: 3

A hero may become a traitor if he doesn't grow up emotionally and always despise deception.

-W. Clement Stone

The Success System That Never Fails

Character is the one denominator of all personal qualities that will insure a truly successful future.

Ibid

Your future depends on character and character depends on success in overcoming temptations.

Ibid

Character is what you are in the dark.

-Dwight L. Moody

Personality has the power to open many doors, but character keeps them open.

-Anon.

The way we talk, dress and act reveals much about our character.

-Mike Murdock

In your choice of a wife study her character.

-Ellen G. White

Character is both developed and revealed by tests, and all of life is a test. You are always being tested. God constantly watches your response to people, problems, success, conflict, illness, disappointment, and even the weather!

-Rick Warren

The Purpose Driven Life

Character development always involves a choice, and temptation provides that opportunity.

Ibid

The world is looking for character.

-W.F. Kumuyi, Bible study, 2 October, 2006

CHEERFULNESS

These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

-Bible

John 16: 33

A merry heart maketh a cheerful countenance: but by sorrow of the heart the spirit is broken.

Proverbs 15: 13

The cheerful live longest in years, and afterwards in our regards.

-Bovee

If people only knew the medicinal power of laughter, of good cheer, of the constant unrepressed expression of joy and gladness, half the physicians would be out of work.

-Orison Swett Marden

If I laugh not how can I live?

-A Kashmiri Proverb

The men whom I have seen succeed best in life have always been cheerful and hopeful men, who went about their business with a smile on their faces, and took the changes and chances of this mortal life like men, facing rough and smooth alike as it came.

-Charles Kingsley

Laughter reduces blood pressure.

-Anon.

I resolved that, like the sun, so long as my day lasted, I would look on the bright side of everything.

-Hood

CHILDREN

Lo, children are the heritage of the LORD: and the fruit of the womb is his reward. As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man; so are children of the youth.

-Bible

Psalms 127: 3, 4.

Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.

Proverbs 22:6

Give a little love to a child, and you get a great deal back.

-John Ruskin

The child is the father of the man.

-William Wordsworth

The best security blanket a child can have is parents who respect each other.

-Jan Blaustone

The Joy of Parenthood

Babies are always more trouble than you thought – and more wonderful.

-Charles Osgood

A boy is a boy – whether he's two or twenty. And the only way he'll become a man is for somebody to show him the way.

-Anneta H. Bridges

Every experienced parent knows that bad behaviour in a child rarely happens with no previous signals and no past incidents of disobedience and defiance.

-John E. Crawford

Girls, just like boys, need to feel warmly loved and genuinely wanted in the family. How they think their father feels about them is just as important as how they believe their mother feels.

-John E. Crawford

CHOICES

A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and loving favour rather than silver and gold.

-Bible

Proverbs 22: 1

For many are called, but few are chosen.

Matthew 22: 14

And Paul chose Silas, and departed, being recommended by the brethren unto the grace of God.

Acts 15: 40

A fruitful life is not the result of chance. It is the result of right choices.

-John L. Mason

Who you choose to be your closest friends or associates is one of the most important decisions you will make during the course of your life.

-John L. Mason

A man is too apt to forget that in this world he cannot have everything. A choice is all that is left him.

-H. Mathews

The choice of a life companion should be such as best to secure physical, mental, and spiritual well-being for parents and for their children - such as will enable both parents and children to bless their fellow men and to honour their Creator.

-Ellen G. White

We demand freedom of choice, but if there is too much to choose from we are trapped into indecision. We feel most free when we have a manageable number of choices.

-Jellison and Harvey

One can never consent to creep when one feels an impulse to soar.

-Helen Keller

Fate chooses our relatives, we choose our friends.

-Abbe Jacques Delille

Malheur et Pitie

COMMITMENT

And Ruth said, Intreat me not to leave thee, or to return from following after thee: for wither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge: thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God. Where thou diest, will I die, and there will I be buried: and the LORD do so to me, and more also, if ought but death part thee and me.

-Bible

Ruth 1: 16, 17

And Jesus said unto him, No man, having put his hand to the plough and looking back, is fit for the Kingdom of God.

Luke 9: 62

All relationships go sour without commitment.

-Shiv Khera

You Can Win

Reality forms around a commitment, and one person with commitment always accomplishes more

than a hundred people with just an interest.

-John L. Mason

Let Go of Whatever Makes You Stop

Until one is committed, there is hesitancy, the chance to draw back, and always ineffectiveness.

Ibid

COMPASSION

It is of the LORD's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not.

-Bible

Lamentations 3:22

But when he saw the multitudes he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd.

Matthew 9: 36

Those who bring sunshine to the lives of others cannot keep it from themselves.

-James Matthew Barrie

Those who unlock your compassion are those to whom you have been assigned.

-Mike Murdock

You cannot live a perfect day without doing something for someone who will never be able to repay you.

-John Wooden

COMPROMISE

And Israel abode in Shittim, and the people began to commit whoredom with the daughters of Moab. And they called the people unto the sacrifices of their gods, and the people did eat, and bowed down to their gods. And Israel joined himself unto Baal-peor: and the anger of the LORD was kindled against Israel.

-Bible

Number 25: 1-3

Ye Adulterers and adulteresses know ye not that the friendship of the world is

enmity with God? Whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.

James 4:4

Now Jehoshaphat had riches and honour in abundance, and joined affinity with Ahab... And Jehu the son of Hanani the seer went out to meet him, and said to king Jehoshaphat, Shouldest thou help the ungodly, and love them that hate the LORD? Therefore is the wrath upon thee from before the LORD.

2 Chronicles 18:1; 19:2

Following the path of least resistance is what makes men and rivers crooked.

-Anon.

When people want to be instant millionaires, they take shortcuts and compromise on their integrity.

-Shiv Khera

You Can Win

Christianity is so entangled with the world that millions never guess how radically they have missed the New Testament pattern. Compromise is everywhere. The world is whitewashed just enough to pass inspection by blind men posing as believers, and those same believers are everlastingly seeking to gain acceptance with the world. By mutual concessions men who call themselves Christians manage to get on with men who have for the things of God nothing but quiet contempt.

-A. W. Tozer

The Divine Conquest

It is no more than a religious platitude to say that the trouble with us today is that we have tried to bridge the gulf between two opposites, the world and the Church, and have performed an illicit marriage for which there is no biblical authority. Actually no real union between the world and the Church is possible. When the Church joins up with the world it is the true Church no longer but only a pitiful hybrid thing, an object

of smiling contempt to the world and an abomination to the Lord.

Ibid

It is easy to assume that a person who identifies with unbelievers has no real convictions and is compromising his Christian testimony... A physician must identify with his patients though he does not compromise with their diseases.

-J. Allan Peterson

Vice is a monster of such awful mien
That to be hated need but to be seen
Yet seen too often, familiar with its face,
We first endure, then pity, then embrace.

-Author unknown

Anybody who accepts mediocrity- in school, on the job, in life-is a person who compromises, and when the leader compromises, the whole organization compromises.

-Charles Knight

CONFORMITY

And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God.

-Bible

Romans 12: 2

As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance.

1 Peter 1: 14

Nothing worse can happen to a Church than to be conformed to this world.

-C. H. Spurgeon

CONQUEST

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ...Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.

-Bible

Romans 8: 35

And I saw, and behold a white horse: and he that sat on him had a bow; and a crown was given unto him: and he went forth conquering, and to conquer.

Revelation 6:2

The strength of our flesh is an ever present danger to our souls. Deliverance can come to us only by the defeat of our old life. Safety and peace come only after we have been forced to our knees. God rescues us by breaking us, by shattering our strength and wiping out our resistance. Then He invades our natures with that ancient and eternal life which is from the beginning. So He conquers us and by that benign conquest saves us for Himself.

-A. W. Tozer

I have been able to conquer an empire but I have not been able to conquer myself.

-Peter the Great of Russia

He who has conquered doubt and fear has conquered failure.

-Anon.

All the blessed promises of the Old Book are yours, and why are you slack to go up and possess your land? The size of your inheritance depends upon how much land you have trodden under foot, really stood on or walked over.

-Dr. A. B. Simpson

You can only conquer your past by focusing on your future.

-Mike Murdock

CONSCIENCE

So when they continued asking him, he lifted up himself, and said unto them, He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her... And they which heard it, being convicted in their own conscience, went out one by one, beginning at the eldest, even unto the last: and Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst.

-Bible

John 8: 7, 9

And herein do I exercise myself, to have always a conscience void of offence toward God, and toward men.

Acts 24: 16

Conscience is the internal perception of God's moral Law.

-Oswald Chambers

Labour to keep alive in your breast that spark of celestial fire called conscience.

-George Washington

A guilty conscience needs no accuser or tormentor but itself.

-Matthew Henry

Matthew Henry's Commentary

Guilty consciences are apt to take good providences in a bad sense, and to put wrong constructions even upon those things that make for them.

Ibid

As time will not wear out guilt of sin, so it will not blot out the records of conscience.

Ibid

Those that have no one else to stand in awe of ought to stand in awe of their own consciences.

Ibid

One might as well be haunted with ghosts and furies, as with the horrors of an accusing conscience; those therefore who would keep an undisturbed peace, must keep an undefiled conscience.

Ibid

One can always have a good conscience if he maintains good behaviour.

-Finis Jennings Dake

Conscience is an open wound: only truth can heal it.

-Uthman Dan Fodio (1754-1816)

I cannot and will not recant anything, for to go against conscience is neither right nor safe. Here I stand. I cannot do otherwise. God help me.

Martin Luther

Diet of Worms Speech, 1521

Trust that man in nothing who has not conscience in everything.

-Laurence Sterne

The sting of conscience, like the gnawing of a dog at a bone, is mere foolishness.

Friedrich Nietzsche (1844-1900), a German atheist, writer and philosopher

CONSECRATION

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

-Bible

Romans 12: 1

Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work.

John 4: 34

Have you come to the place God told you of? Have you gone through the sacrifice of death? Are you willing to make the moral decision that the thing die out in you which never was in Jesus?

-J. Oswald Chambers

Spiritual Leadership

God send me anywhere, only go with me. Lay any burden on me, only sustain me. And sever any tie in my heart except the tie that binds my heart to yours.

-David Livingstone

You cannot say, 'No, Lord,' and mean both words; one annuls the other. If you say no to Him, then He is not your Lord.

-James Kennedy

Take my Life, and let it be
Consecrated Lord to thee;
Take my moments and my days,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

-Frances Ridley Havergal, 1874

If you choose to run your life in your own way and seek an alternative to God or His methods in the days of trouble, your consecration is not deep.

-E. A. Adeboye

The Master Key

CONVERSION

And Jesus called a little child unto him, and set him in the midst of them, And said, Verily I say unto

you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.

-Bible

Matthew 18: 2,3

Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord.

Acts 3:19

The mother in her office holds the key of the soul, and she it is who stamps the coin of character and makes the savage being...a Christian man.

-Old Play

If you are repenting and sinning again and again, you are only under conviction, you are not converted.

-W. F. Kumuyi

Sanctification: A Christian Experience

COURAGE

Wait on the LORD: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the LORD.

-Bible

Psalms 27: 14

Be strong and of a good courage: for unto this people shalt thou divide for an inheritance the Land, which I swear unto their fathers to give them.

Joshua 1: 6

Courage is the standing army of the soul which keeps it from conquest, pillage, and slavery.

-Henry Van Dyke

Courage in danger is half the battle.

-Plautus

Courage enlarges, cowardice, diminishes resources.

-Sydney N. Bremer

God, give us the courage to stand for something lest we fall for anything.

-Peter Marshall

CRITICISM

Now Korah, the son of Izhar, the son of Kohath, the son of Levi, and Dathan and Abiram, the sons of Eliab, and On, the son of Peleth, sons of Reuben, took men: And they rose up before Moses, with certain of the Children of Israel, two hundred and fifty princes of the assembly, famous in the congregation, men of renown. And they gathered themselves together against Moses and against Aaron, and said unto them, Ye take too much upon you, seeing all the congregation are holy, every one of them, and the LORD is among them: wherefore then lift ye up yourselves above the congregation of the LORD?

-Bible

Numbers 16: 1 - 3

Even in paradise, fault finders will find faults.

-Shiv Khera

You Can Win

It is not the critic who counts, not the man who points out how the strongman stumbled or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred with dust and sweat and blood...and who...if he fails at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who know neither victory nor defeat.

-Theodore Roosevelt

Christians would never dream of intentionally running down other people with their cars; then why do we do it with our tongues?

-Dough Barnett

Criticism is asserted superiority.

-Henry E. Mannina

To be irritated by criticism is to acknowledge it was deserved.

-Tatitus

If men speak ill of you, live so that no one will believe them.

-Anon.

I had rather that true and faithful teachers should rebuke and condemn me, and reprove my ways, than that hypocrites should flatter me and applaud me as a saint.

-Martin Luther

Refrain from any criticism of any Church leaders when your children are listening.

-William F. Hill

What is Holiness?

To avoid criticism do nothing, say nothing, be nothing.

-Elbert Hubbard.

If you were not strangers here, the dogs of the world would not bark at you.

-Samuel Rutherford.

Two things are very bad for the heart - running up stairs and running down people.

-A. Joyce

Unless we are willing to help a person overcome his faults, there is little value in pointing them out.

-Robert J. Hastings

There is nothing else that kills the efficiency, capability and initiative of a leader as destructive criticism...Its destructive effect cannot be underestimated. It tends to hamper and undercut the efficiency of a man's thinking process; it chips away at his self-respect and undermines his confidence in his ability to cope with his responsibilities.

-R. D. Abella

A man who constantly criticizes and condemns his wife can produce numerous negative results in his wife. She may become deeply depressed through repressing her hostility; develop one or more physical symptoms, since the mind tends to hand its pain over to the body; become hostile, emotionally unresponsive, or sexually frigid; lose her identity through being constantly beaten down; unload her resentment onto the children and cause emotional disturbances in them; decide to give up the marriage.

-Cecil G. Osborne

“Make Her Happy” (Article in, *For Men Only: The dynamics of Being a Man and Succeeding at it*).

A regular barrage of criticism, even when warranted, is always destructive.

Ibid

If you move with God, you will be criticized. The only way to avoid criticism is to do nothing and be nothing. Those who do things inevitably stir up criticism.

-John L. Mason

An Enemy Called Average

CROSS

Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross and follow me.

-Bible

Matthew 16: 24

But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world.

Galatians 6: 4

The cross where Jesus died became also the cross where His apostles died. The loss, the rejection, the shame, belong both to Christ and to all who in very truth are His. The cross that saves them also slays them, and anything short of this is a pseudo-faith and not true faith at all.

-A. W. Tozer

The Divine Conquest

That life which goes to the cross and loses itself there to rise again with Christ is a divine and deathless treasure. Over it death hath no dominion.

Ibid

The old cross slew men: the new cross entertains them. The old cross condemned: the new cross amuses. The old cross

destroyed confidence in the flesh: The new cross encourages it. The old cross brought tears and blood: the new cross brings laughter.

Ibid

Christianity has always insisted that the cross we bear precedes the crown we wear.

-Martin Luther King Jr.

The cross is the judgment of this world.

-Rev.C. I. Scofield, D.D

DEATH

And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

-Bible

Genesis 2; 16, 17

The wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Romans 6: 23

To the Christian death has redemptive significance. It is the portal through which we enter the presence of our Lord.

-Hylis Jasper

The fall of man brought death upon himself and enslavement by sickness, the instrument of death.

-David Yonggi Cho

The point is not that the branches will do better when they are attached to the vine. Unless attached, the branches must wither and die.

-Catherine Marshall

The quickest way to death is to retire and idle your life away.

If you want to continue your life, you must have an aim which you can pursue with interest.

-Dr. George E. Brooks

If you will not have death unto sin, you will have sin unto death. There is no alternative. If you do not die to sin, you shall die for sin. If you do not slay sin, sin will slay you.

-C. H. Spurgeon

When Satan tempted the very first man, Adam, to sin, his goal was to bring forth death. There are actually three kinds of death: spiritual, physical and eternal.

-Marilyn Hickey

Death is not extinguishing the light; it is putting out the lamp because the dawn has come.

-Anon.

Death for the Christian is an honourable discharge from the battles of life.

-Anon.

By death I shall escape from death.

-James Montgomery

My happiest moment will be when God puts His hand on my heart and stops its beating.

-Arthur S. Wood

We weep over the graves of infants and the little ones taken from us by death; but an early grave may be the shortest way to heaven.

-Tryon Edwards

At a funeral we bury something not someone; it is the house not the tenant that is lowered into the grave.

-Verna Wright

Righteousness delivers from the sting of death, but not from the stroke of it.

-Matthew Henry

All who reject Jesus will die and suffer eternal death. Dying physically is not bad or tragic. The tragic part is when you die spiritually. Spiritual death is eternal separation from the Father, no contact with God for eternity.

-Casey Treat

Death is oftentimes as near to the young man's back as it is to the old man's face.

-Thomas Brooks.

Death is but a passage out of a prison into a palace.

-John Bunyan

DECEPTION

He that worketh deceit shall not dwell within my house: he that telleth lies shall not tarry in my sight.

-Bible

Psalms 101: 7

And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you. For many shall come in

my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many.

Matthew 24: 4

We may deceive all the people sometimes; we may deceive some of the people all the time, but not all the people all the time, and not God at any time.

-Abraham Lincoln

And today those who have sound doctrine have not written many books and tracts as those who have false doctrine. They do not have as many modern audio-visual aids as those who have false doctrine. It appears that those who have false doctrine are methodically trained to mislead the majority of Christians.

-W. F. Kumuyi

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DECISION

Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision: for the day of the LORD is near in the valley of decision.

-Bible

Joel 3: 14

And Elijah came unto all the people, and said, How long halt ye between two opinions? If the LORD be God, follow Him: but if Baal, then follow him. And the people answered him not a word.

1 Kings 18: 21

And they called Rebekah, and said unto her; Wilt thou go with this man? And she said, I will go.

Genesis 24: 58

Decisions create destinies.

-Mike Murdock

It does not take much strength to do things, but it requires great strength to decide on what to do.

-Elbert Hubbard

When possible make the decision now, even if action is in the future. A reviewed decision usually is

better than the one reached at the last moment.

-William B. Given Jr.

DEDICATION

And he brought in the things which his father had dedicated, and the things which himself had dedicated, into the house of the LORD, silver, and gold, and vessels.

-Bible

1 Kings 15: 15

Jesus first dedicated Himself. That is the secret of His life. He dedicated Himself not to do His will, but to do the will of God. That is what His baptism at Jordan meant. Jesus dedicated Himself to God, Body, Soul and Spirit.

-John G. Lake

The John G. Lake Sermons on Dominion Over Demons disease and Death

DELEGATION

Moreover thou shalt provide out of all the people able men, such as fear God, men of truth, hating covetousness; and place such over them, to be rulers of thousands, and rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens: And let them judge the people at all seasons: and it shall be, that every great matter they shall bring unto thee, but every small matter they shall judge: so shall it be easier for thyself and they shall bear the burden with thee.

-Bible

Exodus 18: 21, 22

Then he called his twelve disciples together, and gave them power and authority over all devils, and to cure diseases. And he sent them to preach the Kingdom of God, and to heal the sick.

Luke 9: 1, 2

He who is successful in getting things done through others is exercising the highest type of leadership.

-J. Oswald Sanders

Spiritual Leadership

One of the acid tests of missionary leadership is willingness to delegate responsibility to emerging national leaders the moment they evidence sufficient spiritual maturity, and then

to stand by, ready to help, while they gain experience in the same way as the missionary did, by trial and error.

Ibid

No man will make a great leader who wants to do it all himself, or to get all the credit for doing it.

-Andrew Carnegie

The best executive is the one who has sense enough to pick good men to do what he wants done, and self-restraint enough to keep from meddling with them while they do it.

-Theodore Roosevelt

DENIAL

Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, That this night, before the cock crow, thou shalt deny me thrice.

-Bible

Matthew 26: 34

If we suffer, we shall also reign with Him: If we deny Him, he also will deny us.

2 Timothy 2: 12

We deny the Lord whenever, like Demas, we, through love of this present world, forsake the course of duty which Christ has plainly pointed out to us... We deny our Lord whenever we forsake a good man in affliction, and refuse to give countenance, encouragement, and support to those who, for God's sake and for the faithful discharge of their duty, are exposed to persecution and slander.

-Anon.

DEPRESSION

And it came to pass after this, that Absalom the son of David had a fair sister, whose name was Tamar; and Amnon the son of David loved her. And Amnon was so vexed, that he fell sick for his sister Tamar; for she was a virgin; and Amnon thought it hard for him to do anything to her.

-Bible

II Samuel 13: 1, 2

Why art thou cast down O my soul? And why art thou disquieted within me? Hope in God: for I shall

yet praise Him, who is the health of my countenance and my God.

Psalm 43: 5

All men, even the greatest and most godly are subject to depression.

-Ron Smith

Christian Counselling

Most people suffer from depression of one kind or another at various times. They feel discouraged or dejected. Things have gone wrong, people have let them down badly, hopes have not been realised or that which they feared has indeed come upon them.

Ibid

Anxious care, fretting, the lined, harassed faces and the troubled uncertainty about the future, can all be done away with if you will come to God and ask Him frankly and boldly for everything you want and stay there until He answers.

John R. Rice

Depression is best defined as an internal sense of loss, sometimes manifested primarily by emotional despondency and other times primarily by physical symptoms.

Marilee Horton and Walter Byrd, M. D

Restoring Balance to Your Life

Depression is no respecter of socio-economic status; in fact, affluence often seems to be associated with depression.

Ibid

DESIRE

Therefore I say unto you, What things so ever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.

-Bible

Mark 11: 24

Delight thyself also in the LORD; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.

Psalm 37: 4

A burning desire is the starting point of all accomplishment. Just like a small fire cannot give much

heat, a weak desire cannot produce great results.

-Shiv Khera

You Can Win

You can build a stairway to anything in life that you desire.

-Sydney Bremer

The proof of desire is pursuit.

-Mike Murdock

A Christian's life is a state of holy desire.

-Jerome

A duty which becomes a desire will ultimately become a delight.

-George Gritter

Whatever desire the Father permits to live in the heart of one of His saints, He will grant the fulfilment thereof.

-Dr. S. Chadwick

Every human mind is a great slumbering power until awakened by a keen desire and by definite resolution to do.

-Edgar F. Roberts.

You will become as small as your controlling desire; as great as your dominant aspiration.

-James Allen

A wise man will desire no more than he may get justly, use soberly, distribute cheerfully and leave contentedly.

-Anon.

One of the deepest desires of human beings is the desire to be appreciated. The feeling of being unwanted is hurtful.

-William James

DESPAIR

We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair.

-Bible

2 Corinthians 4: 8

The Lord cannot do much with a crushed soul, hence the adversary's attempt to push the Lord's people into despair and hopelessness over the condition of themselves, or of the Church.

-Mrs. Charles E. Cowman

In the turmoil of life without, and black despair within, it is always possible to turn aside and wait on God. He will always turn up.

-Malcolm Muggeridge

Everything that comes to us becomes a chariot the moment we treat it as such; and, on the other hand, even the smallest trial may be a juggernaut car to crush us into misery or despair if we consider it.

-Hannah Whitall Smith

There may be many ways to lose one's will to live, probably as many as there are people who have lost that will. But may be how it happens, or even why it happens, is not so important as is finding it again.

-Kersten Beckstrom

DESTRUCTION

Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.

-Bible

Matthew 7: 13, 14

Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall.

Proverbs 16:18

Never before has mankind held in its hands such awesome weapons of mass destruction that could destroy life on this planet within a matter of hours.

-Billy Graham

We scientists whose tragic destination has been to help in making the methods of annihilation more

gruesome and more effective, must consider it our solemn and transcendent duty to do all in our power in preventing these weapons from being used.

-Albert Einstein

DETERMINATION

And it came to pass, when the time was come that he should be received up, he steadfastly set his face to go to Jerusalem.

-Bible

Luke 9: 51

And Jesus said unto him, No man, having put his hand to the plough and looking back, is fit for the Kingdom of God.

Luke 9: 62

Our Lord's destination was in His face.

-W. E. Sangster

The world stands aside to let anyone pass who knows where he is going.

-David Jordan

Life is full of vicissitudes. Sometimes, it is nighttime; sometimes it is daytime; there is sunshine and there is rainfall. Sometimes the ground is wet; sometimes it is dry. In such a world, it will take some measure of determination to stick to your dream until the end.

-W. F. Kumuyi

I determined never to stop until I had come to the end and achieved my purpose.

David Livingstone.

DEVELOPMENT

When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things.

-Bible

I Corinthians 13:11

The aim of real development is the enhancement of the capacities of the poorest, their health and nutrition, their education and skills, their abilities to control their own lives, and their opportunities to earn a fair reward for their labours.

-UNICEF

The 1989 State of the World's Children Report

It is only as we develop others that we permanently succeed.

-Harvey S. Firestone

And if education is always to be conceived along the same antiquated lines of a mere transmission of knowledge, there is little to be hoped from it in the bettering of man's future. For what is the use of transmitting knowledge if the individual's total development lags behind?

-Maria Montessori (1870 - 1952), Italian doctor and educator.

The Absorbent Mind

Sustainable development challenges the entire industrial and commercial system to restructure itself.

-Warren Bennis

Beyond Leadership: Balancing Economics, Ethics and Ecology

Leaders take teams on a journey of continuous improvement, but leaders are also on a journey of ongoing personal and professional development. No one is simply born knowing how to lead.

-Dean Tjosvold

Psychology for Leaders

DILIGENCE

The hand of the diligent shall bear rule: but the slothful shall be under tribute.

-Bible

Proverbs 12: 24

Seest thou a man diligent in his business? He shall stand before kings; he shall not stand before mean men.

Proverbs 22: 29

The harder you work, the luckier you get.

-Henry Ford

There is no man living who isn't capable of doing more than he thinks he can do.

-Henry Ford

If people knew how hard I had to work to gain my mastery, it wouldn't seem wonderful at all.

-Michelangelo

The tortoise wins the race while the hare is sleeping.

-Anon.

We need to learn from nature. The duck keeps paddling relentlessly underneath but appears smooth and calm on top.

-Shiv Khera.

You Can Win

Great talent without will-power and hard work is a waste.

Ibid

Work, hard work must accompany faith, visions and dreams.

-W. F. Kumuyi

Things may come to those who wait, but only the things left by those who hustle.

-Abraham Lincoln

I never won anything without hard labour and the exercise of my best judgement and careful planning and working long in advance.

-Theodore Roosevelt

If a man is called to be streetsweeper, he should sweep streets even as Michelangelo painted, or Beethoven composed music; or Shakespeare wrote poetry. He should sweep streets, so well that all the host of heaven and earth will pause to say, here lived a great streetsweeper who did his job well.

-Martin Luther King Jr.

Everyone who is ever used by God labours and works diligently in His service. He is always on the alert lest he squander his time or strength. Those who are always looking for an opportunity for rest

and recreation are not worthy of being called God's servants. God's servants cannot adopt a lazy living. They seek to buy up every opportunity that is available to them.

-Watchman Nee

The Character of the Lord's Worker

If we work only when work turns up, we are not diligent persons. A diligent person is never idle; he is always looking for things to do. He is always pondering, praying, contemplating, and considering before God as to what he should do.

Ibid

Perhaps nine out of ten persons are slothful. A servant of the Lord should have the stamina to always push himself forward.

Ibid

DISCIPLINE

He openeth also their ears to discipline, and commandeth that they return from iniquity.

-Bible

Job 36:10

My son, despise not the chastening of the LORD, neither be weary of his correction: For whom the LORD loveth He correcteth; even as a father the son in whom he delighteth.

Proverbs 3: 11, 12

There are times when a spanking is not the right means of discipline. In fact, taking the child in our arms, letting him know of our love for him, as well as our frustration over his wrongdoing can bring very positive results.

-William F. Hill

What is Holiness?

Discipline must be consistent, fair, and administered with love. It would be well to remember here that the word discipline means to make a disciple, not necessarily to punish.

Ibid

The disciplined person is the person who can do what need be done when it needs be done.

-Richard Forster

It is impossible to reach Olympic standards without strict discipline.

-An Olympic medalist

Some people tend to do as they please, and if there are no means of exercising discipline, how then can the unity and purity of the whole Church be maintained?

-Gordon Lindsay

The Charismatic Ministry

If discipline is practised in every home, juvenile delinquency would be reduced by 95%.

-J. Edger Hoover

The fundamental requirement in all disciplinary action is love.

-J. Oswald Sanders

Spiritual Leadership

The person who has faced and honestly dealt with his own failures and shortcomings is best qualified to deal with the failures of others in a sympathetic and yet firm manner.

Ibid

Lack of consistency is poor discipline. Discipline takes self-control, sacrifice, and avoiding distractions and temptations. It means staying focused.

-Shiv Khera

You Can Win

People without discipline try to do everything, but commit themselves to nothing.

Ibid

Generally, children brought up with excessive freedom and lack of discipline grow up not respecting themselves, their parents or society, and have a hard time accepting responsibility.

Ibid

Freedom is not procured by a full enjoyment of what is desired but controlling the desires.

-Epictetus

Discipline by the parent helps teach the child respect for authority. If the child respects authority in the home, he will later have a respect for civil authority in the community as well as respect for God's authority.

-Alan Winkler, Th. M

Some students I have counselled have shared with me that their fathers were more anxious to discipline them than to show them love.

-Alan Winkler, Th.M

Without discipline the character will remain weak and infantile.

-Richard Shelly Tailor

The man of disciplined character does not have to have a warm, responsive wife, who caters to his every impulse, to keep him in the path of virtue. He keeps himself there by the grace of God. If his relationship with his wife is happy, he is grateful; if it is not, he simply appropriates more grace, and demonstrates the man that he is.

-Richard Shelley Tailor

Every discipline that God brings our way is always motivated by love.

-W. F. Kumuyi

Evangelism/Missionary Messages from Jonah

DIVORCE

And unto the married I command, yet not I, but the Lord, Let not the wife depart from her husband: But and if she depart, let her remain unmarried, or be reconciled to her husband: and let not the husband put away his wife.

-Bible

1 Corinthians 7: 10, 11

Yet ye say, Wherefore? Because the LORD had been witness between thee and the wife of thy youth, against whom thou hast dealt treacherously: yet is she thy companion, and the wife of thy covenant...For the Lord, the God of Israel, saith that he hateth putting away: for one covereth violence with his garment, said the Lord of hosts: therefore take heed to your spirit, that ye deal not treacherously.

Malachi 2: 16

Almost all divorce takes place because one or both of the married partners are too selfish and immature to admit he or she is wrong.

-William F. Hill

What is Holiness?

God knows what is best for us. He wants us to be happy in our first marriage. A divorce is not the answer.

-Lisa Comes

Marriages that are entered into with a clear understanding of God's purpose and God's Laws have no need for divorce courts. Marriages that fall short of this ideal (and it is appalling how many of them do) should first seek to learn what God expects of the husband and wife, and then pray for God's help and guidance in following out his commands.

-Billy Graham

Peace with God

DOMINION

For sin shall not have dominion over you; for ye are not under the law, but under grace.

-Bible

Romans 6:14

Dominion over sin is the first thing the Christian soul is first aware of, and in the truly God-enlightened soul, dominion over sickness likewise.

-John G. Lake

If a man resolutely declares, By the help of God, no lust, no appetite, shall have dominion over me, then, holding on, he comes off conqueror. The more firmly you adhere to this principle, and the more steadily you rule down the clamours of self-indulgence, so much the more speedily and surely you gain the victory.

-Charles G. Finney

True Submission

DREAM

And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions.

-Bible

Joel 2:28

All men of action are dreamers.

-Anon

Dream lofty dreams and as you dream, so you shall become. Your vision is the promise of what you shall at last unveil.

-John Ruskin

Don't let anybody steal your dream.

-Dexter Yager

I like the dreams of the future better than the history of the past.

-Thomas Jefferson

All men who have achieved great things have been dreamers. It may be that those who do most, dream most.

-John Mason

Dreams are nothing but incoherent ideas, occasioned by partial or imperfect sleep.

Benjamin Ruch

The Bible reveals that in the past God spoke through dreams to saints and sinners alike-warning them, directing them, helping them. He still does.

-Ira Milligan

Understanding the Dreams you Dream

The dream and symbols must be interpreted in light of the life circumstances of the person to whom it is given.

Ibid

There is a difference between a dream and a night vision. A night vision requires little or no interpretation. In addition to the actual vision seen, a night vision usually has a voice speaking that gives the primary meaning and message of the vision...In contrast, a dream seldom lends itself to self-interpretation.

Ibid

DUTY

So likewise, ye when ye shall have done all those things which are commanded you, say, We are unprofitable servants: we have done that which was our duty to do.

-Bible

Luke 7: 10

Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this the whole duty of man.

Ecclesiastes 12:13

A duty dodged is a debt unpaid; it is only deferred, and we must come back and settle the account at last.

-Joseph F. Newton

Only aim to do your duty and mankind will give you credit where you fail.

-Thomas Jefferson

The reward of one duty is the power to fulfil another.

-George Eliot

We all know something of attraction of distance, the romance of the unknown, and we are inclined to minimise present opportunities by dreaming about some larger sphere where we would do great things... The first duty is the duty near at hand.

-Hugh Black

Let us do our duty in our shop or our kitchen, in the market, the street, the office, the school, the home, just as faithfully as if we stood in the front rank of some great battle, and knew that every victory for mankind depended on our bravery, strength and skill. When we do that, the humblest of us will be serving in that great army which achieves the welfare of the world.

-Theodore Parker

A man who neglects his duty is not entitled to his right.

-Tioro

DYING

By faith Jacob, when he was a dying, blessed both the sons of Joseph; and worshipped, leaning upon the top of his staff.

-Bible

Hebrews 11: 21

And they stoned Stephen, calling upon God, and saying Lord Jesus, receive my spirit. And he kneeled down, and cried with a loud voice, Lord, lay not this sin to their charge. And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

Acts 7: 59, 60

Pay close attention to great men and women of God in their dying days because very often their last words will be a great message that you must heed.

-Dr. Francis Shaffer, to his children and grandchildren.

Do not give up the fight; keep on praying; keep on fighting.

-Dr. Francis Shaffer, his last words to his family.

This is my coronation day. I have been looking forward to it for years.

-D. L. Moody

Lord, the Father of thy beloved Son, Jesus Christ, I thank Thee that Thou hast graciously this day and this hour allotted me a portion amongst the number of martyrs.

-Policarp, his last words before being burnt alive by persecutors.

I am packed, sealed and waiting for the post.

-John Newton

Ah! Is this dying? How have I dreaded as an enemy this smiling friend!

-Thomas Goodwin

I look upon life as a gift from God. I did nothing to earn it. Now that the time is coming to give it back, I have no right to complain.

-Joyce Cary

I will soon be gone, but do not weep for me I am going home to glory...The sun is setting, mine is rising. I go from this bed to a crown. Farewell.

-John Wesley

EATING

For one believeth that he may eat all things: another, who is weak, eateth herbs. Let not him that eateth despise him that eateth not; and let not him which eateth not judge him that eateth: for God had received him.

-Bible

Romans 14: 2, 3

Be not among winebibbers; among riotous eaters of flesh: For the drunkard and the glutton shall come to poverty: and drowsiness shall clothe a man with rags.

Proverbs 23: 20, 21

One should eat to live, not live to eat.

-Benjamin Franklin

The proof of the pudding is in the eating.

-Miguel De Cervantes

The difference between a rich man and a poor man is this - the former eats when he pleases, and the latter when he can get it.

-Sir Walter Raleigh

Spread the table and contention will cease.

-Proverb

Glutton: one who digs his grave with his teeth.

-French Proverb

Feed by measure and defy the physician.

-Proverb

Much meat, much malady.

-Proverb

EDUCATION

And Moses was learned in all the Wisdom of the Egyptians, and was mighty in words and in deeds.

-Bible

Acts 7: 22

And the king spake unto Ashpenaz the master of his eunuchs, that he should bring certain of the children of Israel, and the King's seed, and of the princes; Children in whom was no blemish, but well favoured, and skillful in all wisdom, and cunning in knowledge, and understanding science, and such as had ability in them to stand in the king's palace, and whom they might teach the learning and tongue of the Chaldeans.

Daniel 1: 3, 4

Education without religion, as useful as it is, seems rather to make man a mere clever devil.

-C. S. Lewis

If you think education is expensive, try ignorance.

-Dereck Bok

The roots of education are bitter, but the fruit is sweet.

-Aristotle

True education is training of both head and the heart.

-Shiv Khera

You Can Win

What a broad-based education really means is that the student is prepared for life, without losing their areas of specialization or competence.

Ibid

Our progress as a nation can be no swifter than our progress in education.

-John Fitzgerald Kennedy

I recognise but one mental acquisition as a necessary part of the education of a lady or gentleman, namely an accurate and refined use of the mother tongue.

-Dr. Charles W. Eliot, former President of Harvard University

Education makes people easy to lead, difficult to drive; easy to govern, but impossible to enslave.

-Henry Peter Brougham

The first duty of a University is to teach wisdom not trade; character, not technicalities.

-Winston Churchill

The only man who is educated is the man who has learned how to learn, the man who has learned how to adapt and change, the man who has realized that no knowledge is secure, that only the process of seeking knowledge gives the basis for security.

-Earl C. Kelley

When you educate a man in mind and not morals you educate a menace to society

-Franklin D. Roosevelt

The man who can make hard things easy is the educator.

-R. W. Emerson

A major goal in Christian education is to help the student become like the teacher, who himself is growing to be like the master Teacher, Jesus Christ.

-Arthur Meacham

The objective of church education is said to be Christ-centred because Christian maturity must always be based upon biblical truths and principles which, when related to life, cause regenerated personalities to become more like the Saviour in the process of Christian nurture.

-Kenneth Gangel

Leadership for Church Education

Education is a companion which no misfortune can depress, no crime can destroy, no enemy can alienate, no despotism can enslave. At home a friend, abroad an introduction, in solitude a solace, and in society an ornament. It chastens vice, it guides virtues, it gives at once, grace and government to genius. Without it, what is man? A splendid slave, a reasoning savage.

-Joseph Addison

It is generally accepted that if we are to keep Nigeria united, and harmoniously, so, the yawning gap in education between the North and the South must be closed with the least possible delay, and immediate steps must be taken to this end.

-Obafemi Awolowo

Strategy and Tactics of the People's Republic of Nigeria.

ENCOURAGEMENT

And David was greatly distressed; for the people spake of stoning him because the soul of all the people was grieved, every man for his sons and for his daughters; but David encouraged himself in the LORD his God.

-Bible

1 Samuel 30:6

And he set the priests in their charges, and encouraged them to the service of the house of the LORD.

2 Chronicles 35:2

Encouragement is oxygen to the soul.

-George M. Adams

The church should be a community of encouragement.

-Fred Catherwood

I encourage boldness because the danger of seniority and pension plans tempt a young man to settle in a rut named security rather than find his own rainbow.

-Conrad Hilton

ENEMY

Rejoice not when thine enemy falleth, and let not thine heart be glad when he stumbleth.

-Bible

Proverbs 24: 17

Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy. But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you; that ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for He maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.

Matthew 5: 43 - 45

These then are our three foes: the Devil, the world and our flesh. Our attitude toward them as Christians can be summed up in one word - renounce. There can be no bargaining, compromise, or hesita-

tion.

Billy Graham

Peace With God

The great danger in having enemies is not what they may do to us - it is what we do to ourselves as we allow harsh, bitter, angry reactions to develop.

-David A. Hubbard

It is not for the sake of our enemies that Jesus told us we must love our enemies. It is because, if we hate our enemies, we become the victims. Jesus wanted us to be blessed and prosperous. Jesus did not curse His enemies even when He was bleeding and dying on the cross.

-David Yonggi Cho

ENTHUSIASM

For the zeal of thine house hath eaten me up; and the reproaches of them that reproached thee are falling upon me.

-Bible

Psalms 69:9

Water turns into steam with a difference of only one degree in temperature and steam can move some of the biggest engines in the world. That is what enthusiasm helps us to do in our lives.

-Shiv Khera

You Can Win

Enthusiasm inspires confidence, raises morale, builds loyalty and is priceless. Enthusiasm is contagious. You can feel enthusiasm by the way a person talks, walks or shakes hands.

Ibid

Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm.

-Ralph Waldo Emerson

Those folks who succeed simply remain enthusiastic longer than those who fail.

-Ralph Waldo Emerson

The worst bankrupt in the world is the man who has lost his enthusiasm.

-Anon.

None are so old as those who have outlived enthusiasm.

-Henry Thoreau

ERROR

Who can understand his error? Cleanse thou me from secret faults.

-Bible

Psalm 19: 12

Brethren, if any of you do err from the truth, and one convert him; Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins.

James 5: 19, 20

Every error has its own outgrowth, as all decay has its appropriate fungus. It is in vain for us to imagine that holiness will be as readily produced from erroneous as from truthful doctrine.

-C. H. Spurgeon

Counsel For Christian Workers

When truth is dominant morality and holiness are abundant; but when error comes to the front godly living retreats in shame.

Ibid

EUTHANASIA

Thou shalt not kill

-Bible

Deuteronomy 5:17

Euthanasia literally means “gentle and easy death” but it has come to be interpreted by some as single ‘mercy killing’ involving a direct deliberate single act or series of acts.

-Dr Vincent O. Uzodike

Euthanasia cannot be accepted by the medical profession; in rejecting it, doctors will be supported by the majority of laymen who share the belief that the deliberate killing of a helpless person can never be condoned. It is right that dying patients should be left alone. Killing patients is no part of the work of doctors and nurses.

-BMA Review Panel Report, 1971

Euthanasia is a long, smooth-sounding word, and it conceals its danger as long, smooth words do, but the danger is there, nevertheless.

-Pearl Buck

The Child Who Never Grew

EVANGELISM

And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

-Bible

Mark 16: 15, 16

And this gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.

Matthew 24: 14

We must understand that it costs to be involved in evangelism. There is a price to pay, but each of us will have our own price as God shows it to us. This world can be reached for Jesus if we pay the price for evangelising it.

-Dr. Prince Guneratnam

The decree of death is upon all who have sinned, but the offer of eternal life is available to those who will believe. There is a way of escape. We must go! We must tell.

-Dr. Prince Guneratnam

Mass crusades, to which I have committed my life, will never finish the job; but one to one will.

-Billy Graham

Evangelism is the cure to the disease of church boredom.

-Todd P. McCollum

The early disciples were fishers of men...while modern disciples are often little more than aquarium keepers.

-Anon.

My message is not one-sided, but it does come from a singleness of heart. I hammer away at the Great commission, for I know it cannot be overemphasized. I cry to God day and night for greater effectiveness in winning our generation for Him.

-Reinhard Bonnke

Evangelism by Fire

Not to preach the Gospel means that we hide the medicine from the patient.

Ibid

The Gospel is not open to modification. It is mandatory, a royal and divine edict.

Ibid

EVOLUTION

The hearing ear, and the seeing eye, the LORD hath made even both of them.

-Bible

Proverbs 20: 12

And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

Genesis 1: 26, 27

The very nature of living things speaks against evolution.

-Philip J. Lesko, M. S., M. Div.

Many Christians have fought the symptoms instead of the disease. Abortion, immorality, euthanasia, dictatorship, crimes of all kinds, violence, and wars all have been the fruit of the false religion of evolution.

-Philip J. Lesko, M.S., M. Div.

With regard to the origin of life, science...positively affirms creative power.

-Lord Kelvin

If the universe is an accident, we are accidents. But if there is meaning in the universe, there is meaning in us too.

-Albert Einstein

The more I study physics, the more I am drawn towards metaphysics.

-Albert Einstein.

God does not play dice with the universe.

-Albert Einstein

The world is not here by chance, nor is human life a biological accident. God brought it all into existence. Furthermore, man occupied a very special place in God's creation - man alone was created in the image of God... The individual person has dignity before God.

-Billy Graham

It may happen that in a little time the doctrine of evolution will be the standing jest of schoolboys.

-C. H. Spurgeon

I myself am convinced that the theory of evolution, especially the extent to which it has been applied, will be one of the great jokes in the history of books in the future. Posterity will marvel that so flimsy and dubious a hypothesis could be accepted with the incredible credulity that it has.

-Malcolm Muggeridge, a British journalist and philosopher.

Evolution is a fairy tale for grown-ups. This theory has helped nothing in the progress of science. It is useless.

-Prof. Louis Bounoure, Director of Research, National Centre for Scientific Research

Scientists who go about teaching that evolution is a fact of life are great con-men, and the story they are telling may be the greatest hoax ever. In explaining evolution, we do not have one iota of fact.

-Dr. T. N. Tahmisian

Atomic Energy Commission

Adaptation and natural selection are biological facts; amoebae-to-man evolution is not. Natural selec-

tion can only work on the genetic information present in a population of organisms...it cannot create new information.

-Ken Ham

As by this theory innumerable transitional forms must have existed, why do we not find them embedded in countless numbers in the crust of the earth? The number of intermediate links between all living and extinct species must have been inconceivably great.

-Charles Darwin

To suppose that the eye, with all its inimitable contrivances for adjusting the focus to different amounts of light, and for the correction of spherical and chromatic aberration, could have been formed by natural selection, seems, I freely confess, absurd in the highest degree.

-Charles Darwin

The Origin of Species

What makes evolution dangerous? If you teach a generation of people that they are animals, pretty soon they will start acting like animals. And animals are universally amoral. They are not created in the image of God, as man is, nor do they have a moral consciousness.

-Tim & Beverly Lahaye

Educators and academicians love the theory of evolution. Why? Because it justifies man's origin without God. If they can explain away God, then they don't have to answer to Him, or so they reason.

-Tim & Beverly Lahaye

EXAMPLE

For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps.

-Bible

1 Peter 2: 21

Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.

1 Timothy 4: 12

The first great gift we can bestow on others is a good example.

-Morell

Example is the most powerful rhetoric.

-Thomas Brooks

The light of a holy example is the gospel's main argument.

-R. L. Dabney

Example is not the main thing in influencing others; it is the only thing.

-Albert Schweitzer

A good example is the best sermon.

-Anon.

He preaches well that lives well.

-Anon.

Have you ever watched a particular TV show and hoped that the congregation wouldn't find out? If you can't talk about it Sunday morning, don't turn it on Friday night.

-Casey Treat

If one sheep leaps o'er the dyke, all the rest will follow.

-Proverb

Man is a creature that is led more by patterns than by precepts.

-George Swinnock

Be such a man and live such a life that if every man were such as you and every life a life like yours, this earth would be a paradise.

-Phillips Brooks

Our lives should be such as men may safely copy.

-C. H. Spurgeon.

EXCELLENCE

Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all.

-Bible

Proverbs 3:29

I have even heard of thee, that the spirit of the gods is in thee, and that light and understanding and excellent wisdom is found in thee.

Daniel 5:14

Excellence is the gradual result of always striving to do better.

-Pat Riley

Enthusiasm and desire are what change mediocrity to excellence.

-Shiv Khera

You Can Win

We are what we repeatedly do; excellence then is not an act, but a habit.

-Aristotle

The quality of a person's life is in direct proportion to their commitment to excellence, regardless of their chosen field of endeavour.

-Vince Lombard

The difference between ordinary and extraordinary is that little extra.

-Zig Ziglar

I have often produced a million plant specimens to find but one or two superlatively good ones, and have then destroyed all the inferior specimens.

-Luther Burbank

There is no real excellence in all this world which can be separated from right living.

-David Starr Jordan

The renown that riches or beauty confer is fleeting and frail; mental excellence is a splendid and lasting possession.

-Sallust (86-34 B.C)

Be a yardstick of quality. Some people aren't used to an environment where excellence is used.

-Stephen Jobs

I just try to be the best I can and hope that is the best ever.

-Tiger Woods

Students who excel academically, read extensively.

-Dr Ben Carson

Think Big

The pursuit of excellence is gratifying and healthy; the pursuit of perfection is frustrating, unproductive and a terrible waste of time.

-John L. Mason

Let Go of Whatever Makes You Stop

EXCUSES

And the Lord God said unto the woman, What is this that thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat.

-Bible

Genesis 3:13

When people offer excuses { and I hear umpteen of them when I talk about talent and motivation} , it's because they don't stop to think that God has given to every one of us more than fourteen billion cells and connections in our brain. Now why would God give us such a complex organ system unless He expects us to use it?

-Dr. Ben Carson

Think Big

Nobody can hinder you from doing what you want, if that's what you set your mind to do. You can always find a hook to hang excuses on, but they're only excuses.

-Sunya Carson

Think Big

If things go bad for you-

And make you a bit ashamed,

Often you will find out that

You have yourself to blame...

Swiftly we ran to mischief

And then the bad luck came.
Why do we fault others?
We have ourselves to blame...

Whatever happens to us,
Here are the words we say,
“Had it not been for so-and-so
Things wouldn’t have gone that way.”

And if you are short of friends,
I’ll tell you what to do-
Make an examination,
You’ll find the fault in you...

You’re the captain of your ship,
So agree with the same-
If you travel downward,
You have yourself to blame.

-Mayme White Miller

“Yourself to Blame” [a poem}

Ninety- nine percent of failures come from people who have a habit of making excuses.

-George Washington Carver.

EXERCISE

For bodily exercise profiteth little: but godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come.

-Bible

1 Timothy 4: 8

Walking not only activates circulation of the blood, it also speeds up and intensifies respiration and enables greater absorption of oxygen.

-Dr. Felix Oesch

Many people claim to be too busy to exercise, but regular exercise, despite consuming lots of energy initially, increases your stamina and provides great long-term psychological benefits. Taking regular exercise will help you live a more full and healthy life, improving your efficiency and increasing your

ability to cope with stress.

-Steve Chalke

What ploughing is to the soil, exercise is to the body.

-J. Allan Peterson

Exercise not only decreases the risk of developing heart disease, cancer, hypertension, diabetes and osteoporosis, but it also decreases the risk of developing osteoarthritis. In other words, exercise helps prevent most degenerative diseases.

-Don Colbert

The Bible Cure For Arthritis

Take exercising seriously. Regular exercise strengthens your body and thereby improves your body's ability to function smoothly under pressure.

-Marilee Horton and Walter Byrd, M.D

-Restoring Balance to Your Life

Exercise is more than a beauty aid. It strengthens the heart muscle, helps circulation, keeps other muscles working, keeps complexions clear and healthy, and gives you a good feeling about yourself.

Ibid

EXPECTATION

For the needy shall not always be forgotten: the expectation of the poor shall not perish forever.

-Bible

Psalms 9: 18

My soul, wait thou only upon God; for my expectation is from him.

Psalms 62: 5

Expect great things from God and attempt great things for God.

-William Carey

Expect something good to happen. That expectation will energize your dreams and give them momentum.

-John L. Mason

EXPERIENCE

A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach...Not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil.

-Bible

1 Timothy 3: 2, 6

And Laban said unto him, I pray thee, if I have found favour in thine eyes, tarry: for I have learned by experience that the LORD has blessed me for thy sake.

Genesis 30: 27

Experience teaches slowly, and at the cost of mistakes.

-Anon.

Knowledge without practice makes but half an artist.

-Anon.

He that stumbles twice over one stone, deserves to break his shins.

-Proverb

FAILURE

Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled.

-Bible

Hebrews 12: 15

The manner in which a leader meets his own failure will have a significant effect on his future ministry.

-J. Oswald Sanders

Spiritual Leadership

The successful leader is a man who has learned that no failure need be final, and acts on that belief, whether the failure is his own or that of another.

Ibid

A study of Bible characters reveals that most of those who made history were men who failed at some point, and some of them drastically, but who refused to continue lying in the dust.

Ibid

Show me a person who is content with mediocrity and I will show you a person destined for failure.

-Jannette Cole

Show me a thoroughly satisfied man and I will show you a failure.

-Thomas Alva Edison

Failure is delay, but not defeat. It is a temporary detour not a dead end street.

-William Ward

Failure is not falling down, but staying down.

-John L. Mason

The only people who never fail are those who never try.

-Ilka Chase

Don't fear failure so much that you don't try new things.

-Louis Boone

People are not remembered by how few times they failed, but by how often they succeeded.

-Thomas Edison

A man can fail many times, but he isn't a failure until he begins to blame somebody else.

-John Burroughs

Laziness is the secret ingredient that goes into failure, but it's only kept a secret from the person who fails.

-Robert Half

I don't know the secret to success but the key to failure is to try to please everyone.

-Bill Cosby

Failure is the opportunity to begin again more intelligently.

-Henry Ford

No matter what mistakes you have made - no matter how you've messed things up - you can still make a new beginning. The person who fully realises this suffers less from the shock and pain of failure and sooner gets off to a new beginning.

-Norman Vincent Peale

FAITH

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

-Bible

Hebrews 11:1

By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went.

Hebrews 11:8

Faith is not a sense, nor sight, nor reason, but a taking of God at His Word.

-Evans

The beginning of anxiety is the end of faith, and the beginning of true faith is the end of anxiety.

-George Mueller

There are certain actions and states of heart that make the exercise of faith impossible. Disobedience to God in any form or in regard to anything, which implies impenitency of heart, makes faith impossible.

-George Mueller

Believe God's word more than you believe your own feelings and experiences.

-Samuel Rutherford

You can judge the faith of an individual by what he does at the time of his greatest need, when he must either run, surrender or fight.

-W. Clement Stone

We can only go through some fires with a large faith; little faith will fail. We must have the victory in the furnace.

-Margaret Bottome

There is no short cut to the life of faith, which is the all-vital condition of a holy and victorious life. We must have periods of lonely meditation and fellowship with God.

-Rev. F. B. Meyer

Faith is only possible when we are on God's plan, and stand on God's promise. It is useless to pray for increased faith until we have fulfilled the conditions of faith.

-Rev. F. B. Meyer

All the blessed promises of the Old Book are yours, and why are you slack to go up and possess your land? The size of your inheritance depends upon how much land you have trodden under foot, really stood on or walked over.

-Dr. A. B. Simpson

There are things God gives us to do without any light or illumination at all except His own command, but those who know the way to God can find it in the dark.

-Dr. A. B. Simpson

To believe that God will give us what he has never promised to give is mere dreaming. Faith without a promise revealed or implied is folly. Yea, though our trust should cry itself hoarse in prayer, it should be none the less a vain dotard if it had no word of God to warrant it.

-C. H. Spurgeon

Don't be afraid to embark on a big project, the kind nobody has ever done in your family or in your generation. Faith will start and finish it.

–E. A. Adeboye

The Master Key

Continual feeding and exercise of the body keeps it strong. Continually feeding the spirit keeps it strong.

_Kenneth E. Haggin

God's Medicine

The time will come that you will need faith, either for yourself, or for some member of your family. And if you haven't kept your faith strong, you'll be at a disadvantage.

_P.C.Nelson

FAMILY

And the LORD said, Shall I hide from Abraham that thing which I do;... For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the LORD, to do justice and judgment; that the LORD may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken of him.

–Bible

Genesis 18:17.19

The primary place for the flag of truth to be handed on is in the family. The truth of the existence and the character of God is to be made known to the children and the children's children. That they may know what? The wonder of who God is, what God has done, what God has said, and what he has meant to those doing the telling.

–Edith Schaeffer

The happiest moments of my life have been the few which I have passed at home in the bosom of my family.

–Thomas Jefferson

As the homes, so the state.

–Amos Bronson Arcott

Birds in their little nests agree
And 'tis a shameful sight,
When children of one family
Fall out, and chide, and fight.

–Isaac Watts (1674 – 1748)

Divine Songs for Children, "Love Between Brothers and Sisters"

He that loves not his wife and children, feeds a lioness at home and breeds a nest
of sorrows.

–Jeremy Taylor (1613 – 1667)

Twenty-seven Sermons

We plead with you fathers to return to your little kingdoms and, with kindness,
justice, proper discipline, and love, to inspire your family. We appeal to mothers to
help create that happy family relationship.

–Spencer W. Kimball (1895 – 1985)

The Teachings of Spencer W. Kimball

Our families on earth are wonderful gifts from God, but they are temporary and fra-
gile, often broken by divorce, distance, growing old, and inevitably, death. On the
other hand, our spiritual family –our relationship to other believers–will continue
throughout eternity. It is a much stronger union, more permanent bond than blood
relationships.

–Rick Warren

The Purpose Driven Life

FATIGUE

Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore being wearied with his journey, sat thus
on the well: and it was about the sixth hour.

–Bible

John 4:6

And further, by these, my son, be admonished: of making many books there is no

end; and much study is a weariness of the flesh.

Ecclesiastes 12:12

The world is run by tired men.

– **Anon.**

When there is a temporary overload on the emotional system, we must rest, wait upon the LORD, and the new dawning will come.

–**Robert H. Schuller.**

The ever increasing demand made on a leader drain the nervous resources and wear down the most robust physique. But he knows where to go for renewal.

–**J. Oswald Sanders.**

Spiritual Leadership

God gave me a message to deliver and a horse to ride. Alas, I have killed the horse and now I cannot deliver the message.

–**Robert Murray McCheyne** (said to a friend as he lay dying at the age of twenty nine).

Nothing is so fatiguing as the eternal hanging on of an uncompleted task.

–**Prof. William James.**

FEAR

For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

–**Bible**

2 Timothy 1:7

And I say unto you my friends, Be not afraid of them that kill the body, and after that have no more that they can do. But I will forewarn you whom ye shall fear. Fear him, which after he hath killed hath power to cast into hell; yea, I say unto you, Fear him.

Luke 12:4, 5

In the gospels we hear Jesus exhorting His children not to be afraid. In the Acts we see them poised and unafraid.

–Anon.

There are several fear instigators– a sense of inadequacy, inferiority, or guilt. Personal health, daily work or home relationship.

–Ron Smith

Christian Counselling

Fear is begotten of ignorance and uncertainty.

–Prof. Robinson

No person is at his best or in full control of his powers if he is a victim of fear.

–Norman Vincent Peale

The New Art of Living

Fear has been called man's deadliest enemy. Fears–unfounded and unreasonable, tormenting and persistent–can destroy our peace and happiness. Indeed, fear can destroy the total person–body, soul and spirit. We need to destroy this enemy of the soul before it destroys us.

–Dr. Reginald Klimionok.

Fear has an inhibiting effect on every area of our lives. It limits our actions, our thought processes, the extent of our relationship with others; and our spiritual growth.

–Dr Reginald klimionok

As we confront the Hittite spirit of fear in our lives, we will soon see that the giants which seemed to have loomed so high, making us feel so intimidated and afraid are themselves mere grasshoppers.

–Dr. Reginald Klimionok

Fear knocked at my door faith answered.... And there was no one there.

–Billy Sunday

Too many children are afraid of the dark, while too many adults are afraid of the light.

–John L. Mason

Fear of the future is a waste of the present.

–John L. Mason.

When you repeat out loud the lies Satan gives you in thoughts, you become fearful and live in torment.

–John Osteen.

Pulling down Strongholds

Our doubts are traitors.

And make us lose the good we might win.

By fearing to attempt.

–William Shakespeare

FELLOWSHIP

And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.

–Bible

Acts 2:42

Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness and what communion hath light with darkness?

2 Corinthians 6:14

Satan always hates Christian fellowship; it is his policy to keep Christians apart. Anything which can divide saints from one another he delights in.

–C. H. Spurgeon

God warns Christians not to forsake assembling themselves together ... I believe that some Christians fall before the attack of Satan because they have disobeyed this divine admonition; they have cut themselves off from the essential communion with Jesus.

–Dr Reginald klimionok

Christianity is a religion of fellowship. Following Christ means love, righteousness, service, and these can only be achieved and expressed through social relations. These social relationships are to be found in the Church.

–Billy Graham

Peace with God

There are many who say they can stay at home and listen to a sermon on the radio and that takes the place of church service. That is not enough. You do not go to church to hear a sermon. You go to church to worship God and to serve Him in the fellowship of other Christians. You cannot be a successful and happy Christian without being faithful in Church. In the Church you will find your place of service. We are saved to serve. The happy Christian is the busy Christian.

Ibid

The Bible knows nothing of solitary religion.

–John Wesley

FIGHT

Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.

–Bible

Timothy 6:12

For the LORD your God is he that goeth with you, to fight for you against your enemies, to save thee.

Deuteronomy 20:4

Evil never surrenders its hold without a sore fight.

–Dr. J.H. Jowett

We never pass into any spiritual inheritance through the delightful exercises of a picnic, but always through the grim contentions of the battle field.

–Dr. J.H. Jowett.

Our God is Jehovah of hosts, who can summon unexpected reinforcements at any moment to aid His people. Believe that He is there between you and your difficulty, and what baffles you will flee before Him, as clouds before the gale.

–F.B. Meyer

He who fights and runs away

May live to fight another day.

–Oliver Goldsmith

The Art of Poetry on a New Plan

The mind is the battlefield where the Christian fights against the Hittite spirit of fear.

–Dr. Reginald Klimionok

Older men declare war.

But it is youth that must fight and die.

–Herbert C. Hoover

Speech, 1944

To be yourself in a world that tries, day and night to make you just like everybody else – is to fight the greatest battle there ever is to fight, and never stop fighting.

–E.E. Cumming

Life begins and continues by fight. You don't grow and progress without a fight.

–Paul Enenche

Seeds of Destiny (Daily Devotional Guide, November 2007)

FOCUS

No man can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

–Bible

Matthew 6:24

What you set your heart on will determine how you spend your life.

–John L. Mason.

When you don't have focus life becomes painful and confusing.

–Anon.

I desire to have both heaven and hell in my eye.

–John Wesley

It does not take long to tell where a man's treasure is. In fifteen minutes of conversation with most men, you can tell whether their treasures are on earth or in heaven.

–D. L. Moody.

The only reason men fail is broken focus.

–Mike Murdock

Champions talk faith because their focus is on the finished results.

–Mike Murdock.

Life is a journey. Stay focused.

–Mike Murdock

I can tell how to get what you want; you just got to keep a thing in view and go for it, and never let your eyes wander to the right or left or up or down. And looking back is fatal.

–William Locke

I'm a fighter; I'm very focused on what I'm doing, and relentless in what I want to achieve, almost to a fault. If you get in my way you get kicked.

–Dr. Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala (A former Federal Minister of Finance, Nigeria)

FORGIVENESS

And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any: that your father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses.

–Bible

Mark 11:25

If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

2 Chronicles 7:14

Forgiveness is not just an occasional act: it is a permanent attitude.

–Martin Luther King Jr.

Forgiveness is the well from which healing flows to make your spirit and body whole.

–David Yonggi Cho.

Forgiveness is so hard because the devil puts forth all his efforts to keep the memory of the pain there, lest we should forgive each other. But there is always great help available from the Holy Spirit, and that help is sufficient for every such need.

–David Yonggi Cho

To forgive is to set a prisoner free and discover the prisoner was you.

–Anonymous.

He who cannot forgive, destroys the bridge over which he may one day need to pass.

–Larry Bielet.

Forgiveness ought to be like a cancelled note–torn in two, and burned up, so that it never can be shown against one.

–Henry Ward Beecher.

To be forgiven is such a sweetness that honey is tasteless in comparison with it. But yet there is one thing sweeter still, and that is to forgive. As it is more blessed to give than receive, so to forgive is a stage higher in experience than to be forgiven. To be forgiven is the root; to forgive is the flower.

–C. H. Spurgeon

Forgiveness saves the expense of anger, the high cost of hatred and the waste of energy.

–John L. Mason

There are two marks of a Christian: giving and forgiving.

–John L. Mason.

God in His mercy will forgive all sins except one. So he forgives even adultery when those who have committed it turn from it in real repentance. But often there is much heartache, loss of reputation, sometimes even a breakup of the home.

–Gordon Lindsay.

The Charismatic Ministry

FRIENDSHIP

A friend loveth at all times, and a brother is born for adversity.

–Bible

Proverbs 17:17

Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

John 15:13

Be courteous to all, but intimate with a few, and let those few be well tried before you give them your confidence. True friendship is a plant of slow growth, and must undergo and withstand the shocks of adversity before it is entitled to the appellation.

–George Washington

You are the same today that you are going to be in five years from now except for two things: the people with whom you associate and the books you read.

–Charlie Jones.

In prosperity, our friends know us– in adversity, we know our friends.

–Anon.

They are rich who have true friends.

–Proverb

Be a friend for the sheer joy of having friends in return.

–H. Sherman

A friend in need is a friend indeed.

–Proverb

The right kind of friends are those with whom you can dare to be yourself, someone you can dream in front of aloud.

–John Mason.

Your true best friends are those who bring out the best in you. You are better, not worse after you have been around them.

–John L. Mason.

The best way to find a friend is to be one.

–Anon.

Sudden friends lead to repentance.

–Anon.

You are known by the friends you keep.

–Anon.

GIVING

Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.

–Bible

Luke 6:38

If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food, and one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what doth it profit?

James 2:15, 16

Giving is a sign that you have conquered greed.

–Mike Murdock

Blessed are those who can give without remembering and take without forgetting.

–Elizabeth Bibesco

When you cease to make a contribution, you begin to die.

–Eleanor Roosevelt

It is possible to give without loving, but it is impossible to love without giving.

–Richard Brainstein.

The only way to have more than enough to spare is to give God more than you can spare.

–Oswald J. Smith.

If I leave more than £10, you and all mankind bear witness that I lived and died a thief and a robber.

–John Wesley

No man was ever honoured for what he received. Honour has been the reward of what he gave.

–Calvin Coolidge

The gospel isn't a treasure to be hoarded; it's a gift to be shared.

–Greg Laurie.

We make a living by what we get, but we make life by what we give.

–Winston Churchill.

The way you give is more important than the gift.

–Anon

Lend before witnesses but give without them.

–Anon

GOALS

Jesus answered and said unto them, Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.

–Bible

John 2:19

And he said, this will I do: I will pull down my barns, and build greater, and there will I bestow all my fruits and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry.

Luke 12:18, 19

Goals are dreams with a deadline and an action plan.

–Shiv Khera

You Can Win

Goals give a sense of direction.

Ibid

We all need something worthwhile to aim for. A dream provides us with that. It acts as a compass, telling us the direction we should travel. And until we've identified that right direction, we'll never know for sure that our movement is actually progress.

–John C. Maxwell.

A goal is nothing more than a dream with a time limit.

–Joe L. Griffith

My goal is God Himself, not joy nor peace, nor even blessing, but Himself, my God.

–Oswald Chambers

My goal is to honour the Lord in my thoughts, speech, actions, and activities, to exemplify Christ's character as I respond to people and circumstances, and to continually deepen my fellowship and knowledge of God and His Word.

–Cynthia Heald

Becoming a Woman of Excellence

The greatest thing in the world is not so much where we stand as in what direction we are moving.

–Oliver W. Holmes

Goals make it possible to measure progress.

–David Yonggi Cho

Our goals must first be prayerfully visualized, then step by step they can be reached.

–David Yonggi Cho

If a man knows not what harbor he seeks, any wind is the right wind.

–Seneca

If you choose not to step out and make maximum use of the gifts and talents in your life, you will spend your days on this earth helping others reach their goals.

–John L. Mason

An Enemy Called Average

GRACE

And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness.

–Bible

2 Corinthians 12:9

But by the grace of God I am what I am: and his grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain; but I laboured more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.

1 Corinthian 15:10

Grace is richer than prayer, for God always gives more than is asked of Him.

–**Ambrose.**

A man's true spiritual quality is to be judged by his graces, not his gifts.

–**Thomas Brooks**

It is better to grow in grace than gifts.

–**Thomas Watson.**

Grace grows by exercise and decays by disuse.

–**Thomas Brooks**

A drop of grace is worth a sea of gifts.

–**William Jenkyn**

Knowledge is but folly unless it is guided by grace.

–**George Herbert.**

Love is the queen of all the Christian graces.

–**A.W. Pink.**

A man may find out many ways to hide his sin, but he will never find out any way to subdue his sin but by the exercise of grace.

–**Thomas Brooks**

Circumstances may be bad around us. We may have tragedy, sorrow, temptation and failure. But in the midst of these circumstances, God's grace is sufficient.

–**Billy Graham.**

Is there not something captivating in the sight of a man or a woman burdened with many tribulations and yet carrying a heart as sound as a bell? Is there not something contagiously valorous in the vision of one who is greatly tempted, but is more than

conqueror? Is it not heartening to see some pilgrim who is broken in body, but who retains the splendour of an unbroken patience? What a witness all this offers to the enduement of His grace?

–J.H. Jowett

GRATITUDE

Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

–Bible

Ephesians 5:20

And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, and with a loud voice glorified God, and fell down on his face at his feet, giving him thanks: and he was a Samaritan. And Jesus answering said, Were there not ten cleansed? But where are the nine?

Luke 17:15–17

The root of joy is gratefulness. It is not joy that makes us grateful; it is gratitude that makes us joyful.

–David Steindl–Rast.

If there is anything in my thoughts or style to commend, the credit is due to my parents for instilling in me the early love of the scriptures.

–Daniel Webster

Gratitude is one of the secrets of happiness.

–Anon

If you can't be grateful for what you have got, be grateful for what you have not got.

–Anon

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The finest test of character is seen in the amount and the power of gratitude we have.

–Milo H. Gates.

It ought to be as habitual to us to thank as to ask.

–C. H. Spurgeon

He who forgets the language of gratitude can never be on speaking terms with happiness.

–C. Neil Strait

Christians should have a gratitude attitude.

–Stuart Briscoe

The greatest sufferer that lives in this world of redeeming love, and who has the offer of heaven before him, has cause for gratitude.

–Albert Barnes.

A gratitude attitude helps bring respect and faith. Ingratitude brings complaining and doubts.

–Dwight Balzell.

Ingratitude turns things totally backward. If we are not careful to be thankful for the right things, we may end up complaining about the things which are actually our blessings.

–Dwight Baltzell.

I am grateful to the Lord that He gave me Ruth, and especially for these last few years we've had in the mountains together. We've rekindled the romance of our youth, and my love for her continued to grow deeper every day. I will miss her terribly, and look forward even more to the day I can join her in Heaven.

–Billy Graham, on the death of his wife, Ruth on 14th June 2007 at age 87

GRIEF

For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death.

–Bible

2 Corinthians 7:10

Then came the word of the LORD unto Samuel, saying, It repenteth me that I have

set up Saul to be King: for he is turned back from following me and hath not performed my commandments. And it grieved Samuel; and he cried unto the LORD all night...And the LORD said unto Samuel, How long wilt thou mourn for Saul, seeing I have rejected him from reigning over Israel? Fill thine horn with oil, and go, I will send thee to Jesse the Beth-lehemite for I have provided me king among his sons.

1 Samuel 15:10, 11; 16:1

Weeping inconsolably beside a grave can never give back love's banished treasure, nor can any blessing come out of such sadness. Sorrow makes deep scars; it writes its record ineffaceably on the heart which suffers.

–J.R. Miller

Sitting down to brood over our sorrows, the darkness deepens about us and creeps into our heart, and our strength changes to weakness. But if we turn away from the gloom, and take up the tasks and duties to which God calls us, the light will come again, and we shall grow stronger.

–J.R. Miller

Excess of grief for the dead is madness: for it is an injury to the living, and the dead know it not.

–Xenophon

GROWTH

Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is like to a grain of mustard seed, which a man took, and sowed in his field: which indeed is the least of all seeds: but when it is grown, it is the greatest among herbs, and becometh a tree, so that the birds of the air come and lodge in the branches thereof.

–Bible

Matthew 13:31, 32

And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man.

Luke 2:52

Those who predominantly talk about the past are going backward. Those who talk about the present are just maintaining. But those who talk about the future are growing.

–John L. Mason

Every growing organism grows into maturity—levels off and dies unless there is new life – new blood—new activity – new ideas.

–Edward R. Dewey

If God blesses a Church by giving the gift of evangelism to more than 10 percent of its members, it is in wonderful shape for growth.

–C. Peter Wagner

The smoothest structure for growth is one which fully recognizes the leadership position of the pastor and frees him to utilize his spiritual gift or gifts.

–C. Peter Wagner

There is something wrong when the little Church stays little. Encourage your people to fast and pray.

–Dr. Waymon Rogers

All Word and no Spirit, we dry up. All Spirit and no Word, we blow up. Word and Spirit, we grow up.

–Donald Gee.

Undertake something that is difficult; it will do you good. Unless you try to do something beyond what you have already mastered, you will never grow.

–Ronald E. Osborn

Churches do not grow unless Christian people grow; Christian people grow when they are in the Word of God.

–Kent R. Hunter

A century plant bursts into bloom only after many years of preparation and growth. A fruit tree planted many years ago may be bearing beautiful flowers and fruit each year. An inspection would show that the branches of the tree put on new wood year

after year as the tree continued to grow. The tree's secret of fruitfulness lies in its growth.

–Arthur Meacham

Growing in any area of the Christian life takes time, and the key is daily sitting at the feet of Jesus.

–Cynthia Heald

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GUIDANCE

The meek will he guide in judgement and the meek will he teach his way.

–Bible

Psalms 25:9

And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This is the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left.

Isaiah 30:21

It's safe to trust God's methods, and to go by His clock.

–S.D. Gordon.

The strength of a man consists in finding out the way God is going, and going that way.

–Henry W. Beecher

Oh, beloved, faint not when doors are shut. For if you are in God's will, He will Himself unlock the bars and let you in, or else He will keep the doors closed and later lead you in another direction. Pray and wait. Fret not nor complain. The Spirit knows God's purpose. You have received Him; He is your Leader, your Guide, and He never errs. The vision will come at last.

–Oswald J. Smith

The Enduement of Power

Many people want to direct God, instead of resigning themselves to be directed by Him; to show Him a way instead of passively following where He leads.

–Madame Guyon

HABIT

Make no friendship with an angry man; and with a furious man thou shalt not go: lest thou learn his ways, and get a snare to thy soul.

–Bible

Proverb 22:24, 25

Take small steps to conquer a bad habit.

–John L. Mason

All acts strengthen habits.

–Thomas Brooks

A bad habit never goes away by itself. It's always an undo– it–yourself project.

–Abigail Van Buren

The best way to stop a bad habit is never to begin it.

–J.C. Penney.

Habit, if not resisted, soon becomes necessity.

–Anon.

Habit is stronger than reason.

–George Santayana

Custom in sin takes away all conscience of sin.

–George Swinnock

Habits are at first cobwebs, at last cables.

–Proverb

Men do more things through habit than through reason.

–Proverb

One of these days you may be unable to get rid of those habits which you are now forming. At first the net of habit is made of cobweb; you can soon break it through. Before long it is made of twine. Soon it will be made of rope. And last of all it will be strong as steel, and then you will be fatally ensnared.

–C. H. Spurgeon

Habits start by being too weak to be felt, and end up becoming too strong to get out of.

–Shiv Khera.

You Can Win

People who come in contact with crime the first time, hate it. With constant exposure they get used to it and if the exposure is long enough, they may embrace it. And they become creators of their own misfortune.

Ibid

Attitudes are habits and can be changed. It is a question of breaking and replacing old negative habits with new and positive ones.

Ibid.

Sow an action and you reap a habit; sow a habit and you reap a character; sow a character and you reap a destiny.

–Prof William James

Bad words are soon learned by converse with those that use them, but not so soon unlearned.

–Matthew Henry

HAPPINESS

Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man that getteth understanding.

–Bible

Proverbs 3:13

Happy is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope is in the LORD his God.

Psalms 146:5

Remember that very little is needed to make a happy life.

–Marcus Aurelius

Happiness is neither within us only, or without us; it is the union of ourselves with God.

–Blaise Pascal

One secret of happiness is gratitude.

–Anon

The more sensitive we are, the less chance we have of being happy.

–Anon

Sow holiness and reap happiness.

–George Swinnock

A happy man is he that knows the world and cares not for it.

–Joseph Hall.

To be happy was to sing; not to be made to sing, or to sing by rote, or as an art or for a purpose, but spontaneously, religiously, because something sang within you and all else for the moment was remote and still.

–Santayana

The last Puritan

The great secret is that happiness is not to be found in getting but in giving. It is not what you do for yourself that will give you the greatest happiness but, rather, what you do for others.

–Norman Vincent Peale

Happiness is a concept involving something deeper, richer, more satisfying, more spiritual, and therefore longer lasting than pleasure.

–Norman Vincent Peale.

Two forces are vital to happiness: your relationships and your achievement.

–Mike Murdock

The only true happiness comes from squandering ourselves for a purpose.

–William Cowper

The height of your accomplishments will equal the depth of your convictions. Seek happiness for its own sake, and you will not find it; seek for purpose and happiness will follow as a shadow comes with the sunshine.

–William Scolavino

Happiness is not a reward – it is a consequence. Suffering is not a punishment– it is a result.

–Robert Green Ingersoll

Every man who is happy at home is a successful man, even if he has failed in everything else.

–William Lyon Phelps.

Searching for true happiness in the context of a godless life is like looking for a needle in a haystack that doesn't have any.

–W.T. Purkiser.

Man wishes to be happy even when he lives so as to make happiness impossible.

–St. Augustine

The way of holiness that leads to happiness is a narrow way; there is but just room enough for a holy God and a holy soul to walk together.

–Thomas Brooks

HEALING

But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

–Bible

Isaiah 53:3

And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the LORD shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.

James 5:15

If Christians profess that their sins are forgiven, but do not want to be redeemed from sickness and pain, this becomes itself a grave sin which is committed against the will of God. It makes the redemption work for their lives incomplete.

–David Yonggi Cho.

I can see that the ministry of healing is going to get more difficult. It is always more difficult when you have to contend with unbelief. There are already too many remedies in which people put their trust. But I can see that it will get worse until it will be hard to get people to believe at all. We have become such a drug-conscious society that, in many cases, the aspirin bottle is more important than the anointing bottle.

–Smith Wigglesworth.

I am convinced that the Christian religion is one of the most valuable and potent influences that we possess for producing that harmony and peace of mind and that confidence of soul which are needed to bring health and power to a large proportion of nervous patients.

–Dr. J.A. Hadfield, the eminent neurologist of Oxford.

Little faith, little healing; much faith, much healing; no faith, no healing. That is the principle.

–Dr. John G. Lake

The John G. Lake Sermons on Dominion over Demons, Disease and Death.

HEAVEN

Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven...Let your light so shine before men: that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

–Bible

Matthew 5:3, 16

And I John saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying ,Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, And God himself shall be with them, and be their God.

Revelation 20:2, 3

One of the beautiful things about heaven is that our tears and sorrows will be replaced with eternal joy, as promised in the Word of God. Yet there is much more!

–**Mary K. Baxter**

A Revelation of Heaven

The greatest benefit to be enjoyed by overcomers is access to heaven.

–**W.F. Kumuyi.**

The Overcomer

HELL

And if thy right hand offend thee, pluck it out, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell.

–**Bible**

Matthew 5:29

And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried; And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.

Luke 16: 22, 23

There are those who teach that if there is a hell that it is not everlasting. Yet it should be pointed out that the same word that is used to denote the eternal bliss of the righteous is also used to describe the eternity of unbelievers.

–**Gordon Lindsay**

The Way To Eternal Life

No price is too high to pay if one wants to escape hell. Those who for one reason or the other fail to overcome will regret eternally in hell.

–**W.F. Kumuyi**

The Overcomer

HOLINESS

Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord.

–Bible

Hebrews 12:14

For I am the LORD that bringeth you up out of the land of Egypt, to be your God: ye shall therefore be holy, for I am holy.

Leviticus 10:45

The greatest need of my people is my personal holiness.

–Robert Murray McCheyne

What health is to the heart, holiness is to the soul.

–John Flavel

Holiness is the perfection of God's nature.

–Andrew Murray

The Power of the Blood

Holiness in us is nothing other than oneness with God.

Ibid

I believe the holier a man becomes, the more he mourns over the unholiness which remains in him.

–C. H. Spurgeon.

The cause of holiness has suffered greatly from those who profess holiness, and do not pay their bills.

–William F. Hill

What is Holiness?

Holiness without love will cause a person to become a very bitter individual. Love, without holiness, will cause a person to be very giddy and shallow. There must be the two of these, holiness and love together.

Ibid

Unholiness in a preacher's life will either stop his mouth from reproving, or the people's ears from receiving.

–William Gurnall

HOLY SPIRIT

But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

–Bible

John 14:26

And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Acts 2:4

The idea of the Spirit held by the average Church member is so vague as to be nearly nonexistent.

–A. W. Tozer

The Bible and Christian theology agree to teach that He is a person, endowed with every quality of personality, such as emotion, intellect and will. He knows, He wills, He loves; He feels affection, antipathy and compassion. He thinks, sees, hears and speaks and performs any act of which personality is capable.

–A. W. Tozer

What we have in Christian doctrine of the Holy Spirit is deity present among us. He is not God's messenger only. He is God.

He is God in contact with His creatures, doing in them and among them a saving and renewing work.

–A. W. Tozer.

God will never pour out His Spirit on the flesh. Sin and spirituality cannot co-exist. The Holy Spirit will not occupy a dirty heart.

–Oswald J. Smith

The Enduement of Power

When anyone confesses Jesus as personal Saviour, there may or may not be any immediate signs of outward change. But the change occurring in the spiritual realm is indeed enormous. The Holy Spirit of God comes into the spirit of that person and moves within it mysteriously beyond reason and imagination. The Holy Spirit Himself sheds the divine faith (the faith of salvation) in the heart of that person.

–David Yonggi Cho

The Holy Spirit My Senior Partner

We should not only recognize the Holy Spirit and believe Him, but actually welcome Him and allow Him to fill us with Himself, so that we automatically keep God's law – not by outward compulsion, but by the power of the Holy Spirit in our inner being.

Ibid

HUMILITY

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time.

–Bible

1 Peter 5:6

And whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant: even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.

Matthew 20:27–28

Humility is thinking less about yourself, not thinking less of yourself.

–Peter Kreeft.

Humility is the hallmark of wisdom.

–Jeremy collier.

The higher a man is in grace the lower he will be in his own esteem.

–C. H. Spurgeon.

The inner discipline of humility acts like a filter, saving us from the tyranny of grossly unrealistic expectations that everyone and everything should bend our way.

–Gary L. Thomas.

When we take the least notice of our good deeds ourselves, God takes most notice of them.

–Matthew Henry

Humility will become a passion for us when we realize that the more we put our own egos out of the way, the more the life and power and purpose of God can pass through us. When this happens, something glorious takes place. We get to experience the quality of eternal life without the taint of our own control and small ego demands.

–Gary L. Thomas

Humility before God is nothing if not proved in humility before men.

–Andrew Murray

Humility is the only soil in which the graces root; the lack of humility is the sufficient explanation of every defect and failure.

–Andrew Murray

Be humble or you'll stumble.

–Dwight L. Moody

We are to live lives of humility. The Scripture does not say that we are to pray for humility. It says we are to humble ourselves.

–Billy Graham

A Christian man is the most free lord of all, subject to no one. A Christian man is the dutiful servant of all, subject to everyone.

–Martin Luther

Sense shines with a double lustre when it is set in humility. An able and yet humble man is a jewel worth a kingdom.

–William Penn

We should not just be humble, but wear humility as a garment.

–E. A. Adeboye

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HYPOCRISY

Even so ye also outwardly appear righteous unto men, but within ye are full of hypocrisy and iniquity

–Bible

Matthew 23:28

Ye hypocrites, well did Esaias prophesy of you, saying, this people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips, but their heart is far from me.

Matthew 15:7, 8

The number one reason people don't share their faith is that their walk doesn't match their talk.

–Mark Cahill.

For neither man nor angel can discern

Hypocrisy, the only evil that walks

Invisible, except to God alone.

–John Milton

Paradise Lost, Book III

Hypocrisy is the most difficult and nerve-racking vice that any man can pursue; it needs an unceasing vigilance and a rare detachment of spirit. It cannot, like adultery or gluttony, be practised at spare moments; it is a whole-time job.

–Somerset Maugham (1874 – 1965)

Cakes and Ale

IDEAS

And the whole earth was of one language, and of one speech
And they said, Go to let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven, and let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth.

–Bible

Genesis 11:1, 4

Creative ideas do not spring from groups. They spring from individuals. The divine spark leaps from the finger of God to the finger of Adam.

–A. Whitney Griswold

All great ideas create conflict.

–John L. Mason.

There is one thing stronger than all the armies in the world, and that is an idea whose time has come.

–Victor Hugo

Don't be afraid of new ideas – and don't be carried away with them either.

–Muriel Ormrod

The positive ideas that flow into your brain come from God. Don't reject the idea simply because of your awareness of your own imperfection.

–Dr Robert H. Schuller

Tough Times Never Last But Tough People Do

Of course, no idea is perfect. No idea is without its built-in problems. But trust that the positive potential in an idea is powerful enough to merit your continued support.

Ibid

There are problems with every idea. But problems call for demolition.

Ibid

Everyone who ever succeeded started with a tiny inspired idea.

–Robert Tilton

Good ideas are subjected to solitary confinement when they get into an empty head.
–Gentry Serenader

IDLENESS

By much slothfulness the building decayeth; and through idleness of the hands the house droppeth through.

–Bible
Ecclesiastes 10:18

And about the eleventh hour he went out, and found others standing idle, and saith unto them, why stand ye here all the day idle? They say unto him, Because no man hath hired us. He saith unto them, Go ye also into the vineyard and whatsoever is right, that shall ye receive.

Matthew 20:6–7

An idle life and a holy heart is a contradiction.
–Thomas Brooks

Idleness rusts the mind.
–Anon

Some temptations come to the industrious, but all temptations attack the idle.
–C. H. Spurgeon

Shun idleness. It is a rust that attaches itself to the most brilliant metals.
–Voltaire

There is no idleness without a thousand troubles.
–Welsh Proverb

The devil tempts some, but an idle man tempts the devil.
–English Proverb

Idleness is the greatest enemy of the aged and presents them with their ticket to

death.

–Dr. Martin Gumpert

You Are Younger than You Think

Do not allow idleness to deceive you; for while you give him today, he steals tomorrow from you.

–H. Crowquill

A lazy spirit is always a losing spirit.

–Thomas Brooks

Ease is never good for the people of God.

–Alexander Peden.

He is not only idle who does nothing, but he is idle who might be better employed.

–Socrates.

Idleness is the burial of a living man.

–Jeremy Tailor

To do nothing is the way to be nothing.

–Nathiel Howe

Idleness is only the refuge of weak minds.

–Philip Dormer Stanhope.

IGNORANCE

My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children.

–Bible

Hosea 4:6

Being ignorant is not so much a shame as being unwilling to learn to do things the right way.

–**Benjamin Franklin**

The more we know, the more we see of our own ignorance.

–**Matthew Henry**

It is a common fault, that ignorance is closely followed by obstinacy.

–**John Calvin.**

You cannot find knowledge by rearranging your ignorance.

–**Ronald Eyre.**

Ignorance is your disease; knowledge must be your cure.

–**Richard Baxter.**

To be aware that you are ignorant is a great step to knowledge.

–**Anon.**

To be ignorant of one's ignorance is the malady of the ignorant.

–**Bronson Alcott.**

There is only one good, knowledge, and one evil, ignorance.

–**Socrates**

Lives of Eminent Philosophers, by Diogenes Laertius

IMPATIENCE

Seest thou a man that is hasty in his words? there is more hope of a fool than of him.

–**Bible**

Proverbs 29:20

A faithful man shall abound with blessings: but he that maketh haste to be rich shall not be innocent.

Proverbs 28:20

The weakness and flaws of any plan are often buried by flurry and hurry.

–Mike Murdock

Whoever is in a hurry shows that the thing he is about is too big for him.

–Lord Chesterfield

IMPOSSIBILITIES

For with God nothing shall be impossible.

–Bible

Luke 1:37

And Jesus said unto them, because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you.

Matthew 17:20

We have a God who delights in impossibilities.

–Andrew Murray

Impossible is a word found only in the dictionary of fools.

–Napoleon

God loves with a great love the man whose heart is bursting with a passion for the impossible.

–William Booth.

Attempt something so fantastic that unless God is in it, it is destined for failure.

–John L. Mason

Impossibilities vanish when a man and his God confront a mountain.

–Robert Schuller

INFORMATION

And when these lepers came to the uttermost part of the camp, they went into one tent, and did eat and drink, and carried thence silver, and gold, and raiment, and

went and hid it. Then they said unto one another, we do not well: this day is a day of good tidings, and we hold our peace: if we tarry till the morning light, some mischief will come upon us: now therefore come, that we may go and tell the king's household.

–Bible

II Kings 7:8–9

Information is the difference between your present and your future.

–Mike Murdock

A good newspaper is a nation talking to itself.

–The observer, 1961

In the case of news, we should always wait for the sacrament of confirmation.

–Voltaire

When a dog bites a man that is not news, but when a man bites a dog that is news.

–Charles Anderson Dana

What is News? NEW YORK SUN, 1882.

Whether an editor is dealing with a local murder, a white House pronouncement, or a dictator's latest edict, the ability to inject the why into a routine report is crucial. It separates the men from the boys.

–Marshal Field IV

Journalism means for us, an unlimited interest in the whole of human life.

–Eric Hodgins, as vice-President of *Time* Incorporated.

Sir, my wealth is not in material possessions; my wealth is in the information I possess and in the information I know how to get my hands on. If everything was taken away from me and I had no more material wealth, because of what I know I would have the money and possessions back in less than five years.

–Henry Ford, in answer to the question, “Mr. Ford, what would happen if you lost all of your money and possessions?”

As a general rule, the most successful man in life is the man who has the best information.

–Benjamin Disraeli

INITIATIVE

And the servant ran to meet her, and said, Let me, I pray thee, drink a little water of thy pitcher. And she said, Drink, my lord: and she hasted and let down her pitcher upon her hand, and gave him drink. And when she had done giving him drink, she said, I will draw water for thy camels also until they have done drinking.

–Bible

Genesis 24:17–19

We need to stop sitting around waiting for God to tell us everything. Do you wait for God to tell you when to eat? No! Some things you do because you know there is need.

–Casey Treat.

People who never do more than they get paid for never get paid for any more than they do.

–Elbert Hubbard.

If you lack initiative, stoutly affirm your ability to begin things and to push them through to a finish. And always put your resolve to action at the first opportunity.

–Dr. Orison S. Marden

INTERCESSION

I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; for kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.

–Bible

1 Timothy 2:1, 2

Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

Romans 8:26

Praying people in the Bible were intercessors. Abraham pleaded for Sodom and Gomorrah. Samuel prayed all night for Saul, and continually interceded for the nation. Daniel prayed for the deliverance of the Lord's people from Babylon.

–Gordon Cove.

The task designated by Christ, was taken up and carried forward marvellously by the early Church in the dynamic power of the Holy Spirit. This is the only power sufficient to complete the task. This power is given in response to intercessions of God's people. So God seeks intercessors.

–Anon.

Intercession cuts into our time, makes demands upon our energy, taxes our patience, and forces us to rearrange our priorities. A deep concern for others is the main motivation of those who are willing to become intercessors.

–Selwyn Hughes

Every Day with Jesus, September/October 2002

KNOWLEDGE

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge but fools despise wisdom and instruction.

–Bible

Proverbs 1:7

But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.

Daniel 12:4

We do not know one-millionth of one percent about anything.

–Thomas Edison

Knowledge is like money: the more he gets, the more he craves.

–Josh Billings.

A thorough knowledge of the Bible is worth more than a college education.

–Theodore Roosevelt

Histories make men wise; poetry, witty; the mathematics, subtle; natural philosophy, deep; moral, grave; logic and rhetoric, able to contend.

–Francis Bacon

Reading maketh a full man; speaking, a ready man; writing an exact man.

–Francis Bacon.

Divine knowledge is not as the light of the moon to sleep by, but as the light of the sun to work by.

–William Secker

There's no substitute for accurate knowledge, know yourself know your business, know your men.

–Randall Jacob

A little science estranges men from God, but much science leads them back to him.

–Louis Pasteur

Integrity without knowledge is weak and useless, and knowledge without integrity is dangerous and dreadful.

–Samuel Johnson

Rasselas

The evidence of knowing God is obeying God.

–Eric Alexander

Knowledge grows but wisdom lingers.

–Lord Tennyson

Universities are turning out highly skilled barbarians because we don't provide a framework of values to young people, who more and more are searching for it.

–Steven Muller,

[President, Johns Hopkins University].

We hear every day that knowledge is power. Not really. Knowledge is information. It is potential power and it becomes power only when it is acted upon.

–Shiv Khera.

You Can Win

Schools are a fountain of knowledge; some students come to drink, some to sip and others just to gargle.

Ibid

LEADERSHIP

And Moses chose able men out of all Israel, and made them heads over the people; rulers of thousands, rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens. And they judged the people at all seasons: the hard causes they brought unto Moses, but every small matter they judged themselves.

–Bible

Exodus 18:25–26

You can't be in the boardroom without going through tense moments. But if you have the right kind of people in your boardroom, the right kind of management, the right kind of consultation between management and the chairmen and the right type of temperament and orientation, then you can avoid fracas in the boardroom.

–Gamaliel O. Onosode

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Leadership is the capacity to translate vision into reality.

–Warren G. Bennis

There will never be a perfect ruler until the King of kings and Lord of lords rules this earth.

–Joseph E. Falkner

The Bible teaches that we should honour the office of president although not necessarily the character traits of the person in the office.

–Joseph E. Falkner

Often the crowd does not recognize a leader until he has gone, and then they build a monument for him with the stones they threw at him in life.

–Charles Cowman.

The true leader regards the welfare of others rather than his own comfort and prestige as of primary concern.

–J. Oswald Sanders.

The successful leader is a man who has learned that no failure need be final and acts on that belief, whether the failure is his or that of another.

–J. Oswald Sanders.

In the Divine common wealth they rule who account it a privilege to minister.

–Dr. A.B. Bruce.

The moment you stop learning, you stop leading.

–Rick Warren

Those who will not be governed by God will be ruled by tyrants.

–William Penn.

It is the person who doesn't need a boss that's usually selected to be one.

–John L. Mason

One of the major requisites for leadership is the power of quick and firm decision.

–Anon

Lots of people fail in selling, in management, indeed in any kind of leadership because they are victims of psycho sclerosis, hardening of the thoughts. New methods, progressive ideas, adjustment to changing times and situations cannot break through rigid old patterns.

–Norman Vincent Peale.

The care of human life and happiness and not their destruction, is the first and only legitimate object of good government.

–Thomas Jefferson.

Our object in the construction of the state is the greatest happiness of the whole, and not that of any one class.

–Plato

The Republic

No man is good enough to govern another man without that other's consent.

–Abraham Lincoln

I have no ambition to govern men. It is a painful and thankless office.

–Thomas Jefferson.

The leader's growth determines the people's growth.

–John C. Maxwell

Leaders must be close enough to relate to others, but far enough ahead to motivate them.

–John C. Maxwell

Successful leaders have the courage to take action while others hesitate.

–John C. Maxwell

The good manager is more than a brilliant professional. He is one who can use resources for optimum production. He must be organised and ready at all times to organise a team of which he is just a leader.

–Dr. Michael Omolayole

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If a leader demonstrates competency, genuine concern for others, and admirable character, people will follow.

–T.Ritchard Chase

Being in power is like being a lady. If you have to tell people you are, you aren't.

–Margaret Thatcher

All policy makers must bear it mind always that, so long as only four bones are available for six dogs, it is idle and futile to expect any kind of quiet or concord inside the kennel.

–Obafemi Awolowo

Strategies and Tactics of the People's Republic of Nigeria

LEARNING

Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you.

–Bible

Philippians 4:9

And as he thus speak for himself, Festus said with a loud voice, Paul, thou art beside thyself; much learning doth make thee mad. But he said, I am not mad, most noble Festus; but speak forth the words of truth and soberness.

Acts 26:24-25

Learning is like food. It is not how much you eat that matters, what counts is how much you digest.

–**Shiv Khera**

All the world's a laboratory to the inquiring mind.

–**Martin H. Fischer**

A little learning is a dangerous thing;
Drink deep, or taste not the Pierian Spring;
There shallow draughts intoxicate the brain,
And drinking largely sobers us again.

–**Alexander Pope**

Learning without thought is labour lost; thought without learning is perilous.

–**Confucius**

Analects

Don't let your learning lead to knowledge, let your learning lead to action.

Jim Rohn

Learning what you cannot do is more important than knowing what you can do.

–**Lucille Ball.**

LIFE

The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

–**Bible**

John 10:10

Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.

Life is like a taxi. The meter just keeps a – ticking whether you are getting somewhere or just standing still.

–Lou Erickson

The purpose of life is a life of purpose.

–Robert Byrne.

The longer I live, the more convinced I become that life is 10 percent what happens to us and 90 percent how we respond to it.

–Charles Swindoll.

If a man hasn't discovered something that he will die for, he isn't fit to live.

–Martin Luther King Jr.

Some people find life an empty dream because they put nothing into it.

–John L. Mason.

The tragedy of life is not that it ends so soon, but that we wait so long to begin it.

–John L. Mason.

The average person's life consists of 20 years of having parents ask where he or she is going, 40 years of having a spouse ask the same question and at the end, the mourners wondering the same thing.

–John L. Mason

Life is either a daring adventure, or nothing.

–Helen Keller

It's a funny thing about life, if you refuse to accept anything but the best, you very often get it.

–Somerset Maughan.

Men have been helped to live by remembering that they must die.

–C. H. Spurgeon.

The measure of life is not in its duration, but in its donation. Everyone can be great because everyone can serve.

–Peter Marshall.

Unlike the game of soccer where players can be substituted, the game of life allows no substitution or replays.

–Shiv Khera.

When a man understands that the aim of life is not material profit, but life itself, he ceases to fix his attention exclusively on the external world.

–Alexis Carrel.

Reflections on Life

We come into the world with a host of assets all designed for the purpose of successful living. There are no options to life. The only option we have is the choice of living to the maximum of our capabilities or wasting away our precious lives.

–George Sterne

Secrets of the Millionaires

What frightens me most is that men are content with what is not life at all.

–Elizabeth Barret Browning

On the journey to life's highway, keep your eyes upon the goal. Focus on the donut, not upon the hole.

–Anon.

Our failure to take time to live actually prevents us from deriving the best from life. Man assuredly was never meant by the good God to beat out the life in hurry and tumult, wearing out his nervous system and making his inner life shabby. We are given this world to live in happily and reflectively.

–Norman Vincent Peale.

As long as you live, keep learning how to live.

–Seneca.

Dost thou love life? Then do not squander time, for that is the stuff life is made of.

–Benjamin Franklin.

... out, out brief candle!

Life's but a walking shadow, a poor player

That struts and frets his hour upon the stage,

And then is heard no more; it is a tale

Told by an idiot, full of sound and fury

Signifying nothing.

–William Shakespeare.

Macbeth

Life is no brief candle to me. It is a sort of splendid torch which I have got hold of for a moment, and I want to make it burn as brightly as possible before handing it on to future generations.

–George Bernard Shaw.

Regardless of what you are or what you have been, you can still become what you may want to be. For as you continue your voyage through life, you, like the captain of a ship, can select your first port of call and then continue until you arrive at the next. You'll experience calm and stormy seas as you go from one port to another, but it is you who must steer that course. Many a ship that lost its rudder and many a person who lost character have become derelicts, lost to the world. This can happen at almost any point in a voyage at sea or in life.

W. Clement Stone

Success System That Never Fails

LISTENING

My son, attend unto my wisdom, and bow thine ear to my understanding; That thou mayest regard discretion, and that thy lips may keep knowledge.

–Bible

Proverbs 5:1–2

Listening is more than just hearing. True listening is loving someone enough to give him or her your full attention.

–Patricia H. Rushford

Listen to the person who listens to God.

–A. W. Tozer

Boldly protect your ears and life from absorbing talk that does not edify and build.

–Mike Murdock.

Perhaps the reason why many of us have so little to say that is helpful and meaningful to others is that we speak before we have listened.

–Selwyn Hughes & Philip Greenslade.

No man can be a prophet who does not first of all listen. If he ceases to listen he will begin to spin little talks about little topics out of his own little brain and men will miss the deep, profound, divine notes that reach the depth of the soul.

–J. D. Jones.

A bore is a person who talks when you want him to listen.

–Anon.

I think that what so many people come to see me for is to find a quiet peaceful person who isn't thinking all the time about what he has to do next. If your life is chock full of things there won't be room for anything else. Even God Himself can't get anything else in.

–Paul Tournier, a Swiss medical doctor and counsellor in his book, *A listening Ear*.

Don't ever stop, Mr. Graham, because you're one of the few people teenagers and college kids listen to, and they need salvation as much as everyone else.

–So wrote a seventeen year old girl to Evangelist Billy Graham.

People who try to monopolize a conversation not only tend to make themselves unpopular, but they miss a great deal from others which could probably enrich them.

–John B. Nettleship

LITERATURE

And further, by these, my son, be admonished: of making many books there is no end, and much study is a weariness of the flesh.

–Bible

Ecclesiastes 12:12

Neither give heed to fables and endless genealogies, which minister questions, rather than godly edifying which is in faith: so do.

1 Timothy 1:4

Literature ... extends the range of vision, intellectual, moral, spiritual, it ... sharpens our discernment.

–Charles G. Osgood.

Movies, novels, stories and plays that emphasize message over storytelling defeat their purpose. People have a built in resistance to art that is overtly didactic.

–Jim Bell

Men should be taught as if you taught them not.

–Benjamin Franklin

There is an art of reading, as well as an art of thinking, and an art of writing.

–Isaac D'Israeli

The Literary Character

At the level of world view and ethical viewpoint, a Christian should place every work of literature on trial, with Christian principles serving as the jury.

–Leland Ryken

Triumphs of the Imagination

Any Christian who takes a look at the contemporary paperback fiction displayed in department stores or the list of current movies in American cities can scarcely avoid sensing their incompatibility with the quest for personal holiness.

Ibid

There is power in the word. Even if literacy continues to decline in western civilization as the electronic media progressively dominate culture, it is obvious that

someone will control what the media say. The people with the mastery of words will continue to hold the greatest influence over the masses of people. If the right people do not possess the power of words, the wrong people will.

Ibid

Christianity is the most literary religion in the world. It is the religion in which the word has a special sanctity. The Christian tradition is full of stories, poems and hymns. The clearest evidence of the literary bent of Christianity is the Bible.

Ibid

Great literature offers a heightened and clarified vision of reality, so the reader can return to life with a better understanding of his own world and experience. Literature is a window to reality. And even when a work of literature fails to provide Christian answers to the problems of human experience, it clarifies the human issues to which the Christian faith speaks.

Ibid

Alas, how frequent, how almost universal it is in an author to persuade himself of the truth of his own dogmas.

–Charles Darwin

LONELINESS

And he came thither unto a cave, and lodged there, behold, the word of the LORD came to him, and he said unto him, What doest thou here, Elijah? And he said, I have been very jealous for the LORD God of hosts: for the children of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thine alters, and slain thy prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away.

–Bible

1 Kings 19:9, 10

For sixty – two years and five months I had a beloved wife, and now, in my ninety-second year I am left alone.

–George Mueller

Most of the world's great souls have been lonely.

–A. W. Tozer

Loneliness seems to be the price a saint has to pay for his saintliness.

–A. W. Tozer

The lone sheep is in danger from the wolf.

–Anonymous

You can be lonely on your own but even loneliest with a wrong person.

–Anonymous

Every man must do two things alone: he must do his own believing, and he must do his own dying.

–Martin Luther

Moses paid the price for his leadership – alone on the mount, and alone in the plain; the crushing loneliness of misunderstanding and criticism and impugning of motive. And times have not changed.

–J. Oswald Sanders

The loneliest preacher today is the man who has been entrusted with a prophetic message that cuts across the prevailing temper of the age.

–J. Oswald Sanders.

The prophets were the loneliest of men.

–J. Oswald Sanders

I remember my grandfather telling me how each of us must live with a full measure of loneliness that is inescapable, and we must not destroy ourselves with our passion to escape this aloneness.

–Jim Harrison, US novelist and screenwriter

Dalva

There is no lonelier person than the one who lives with a spouse with whom he or she cannot communicate.

–Margaret Mead

People are lonely because they build walls instead of bridges.

–Joseph F. Newton

LOVE

Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

–Bible

Romans 13: 10

And Jacob served seven years for Rachel; and they seemed unto him but a few days, for the love he had for her.

Genesis 29: 20

Love is like electricity – you can't see it, but you recognize the results of it.

–Tim & Beverly Lahaye

If you truly love your mate, you will continue to be blind to her many faults. Love can be delightfully blind, even after marriage.

–A. Dudley Dennison, M.D

A puppy love with a short leash on courtship can lead to a dog's life. But whether you had a long or short engagement, the success of your marriage may hinge upon acceptance of your partner's total person.

–A.Dudley Dennison, M.D

It is difficult to resist someone who loves unconditionally.

–Garry D. Chapman

When love fails, we see all the faults.

–Anonymous.

A marriage not based on love is in grave danger.

–Gordon Lindsay.

Love is not just a feeling; it involves positive actions which can mean a great deal to a woman.

–Cecil G. Osborne

They do not love that do not show their love.

–William Shakespeare

Feel for others—in your wallet.

–C. H. Spurgeon

When we follow the law of love, there is no room left for self-pity, self-defence or defiance.

–Anna B. Mow

The Holy Spirit enables us to experience a growing love relationship. Love draws people together and does not separate them, it melts away grievances and roots the relationship in a deeper understanding.

–Anna B. Mow

Love is a costly flower, but one must have the desire to pluck it from the edge of a precipice.

–Stendhal

If you do not have a strong rope of love, then it is impossible to bind people to your church.

–Dr. David Yonggi Cho

Service and obedience are proofs of love.

–Robert Tilton

When you begin to pour out of what you have into other people's lives or do what you can do to help them, your bills will be paid.

–Robert Tilton

Only let the church be full of love, and she will be fair as the moon, clear as the sun, and terrible to all wickedness, in high places and low places, as an army with banners.

–Charles G. Finney

True Submission

Who delivered up Jesus to die? Not Judas for money, not Pilate for fear, not the Jews for envy, but the Father for love!

–Octavius Winslow

One loving heart sets another on fire.

–Saint Augustine

If I can enjoy a joke at the expense of another; if I can in any way slight another in conversation, or even in thought, then I know nothing of Calvary love.

–Amy Carmichael

There are two basic needs which every individual possesses: to love and be loved; and to feel worth while.

–Cecil G. Osborne.

There is of course a sense in which romantic love of early marriage cannot be expected to continue. As love is nurtured, it grows into a deeper love of inward satisfaction and security. The love of the twenties will not do for the forties. Love is constantly changing. The capacity to love grows from infancy. And the growth of love is limitless.

–John M. Dresher

Meditations for the Newly Married

Love leaves a legacy. How you treated other people, not your wealth or accomplishments, is the most enduring impact you can leave on earth.

–Rick Warren

The Purpose Driven Life

LUCK

I returned, and saw under the sun, that the race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong, neither yet bread to the wise, nor yet riches to men of understanding, nor yet favour to men of skill; but time and chance happeneth to them all.

–Bible

Ecclesiastes 9:11

Shallow men believe in luck... strong men believe in cause and effect.

–Emerson

Good luck is when opportunity meets preparation. Without effort and preparation, lucky coincidences don't happen.

–Shiv Khera

Fortune favours those who use their judgment.

–Proverb

Throw a lucky man into the sea, and he will come up with a fish in his mouth.

–Arab Proverb.

The trouble with many of us is that, while ambitious to succeed, we do not put ourselves in a condition to win, we do not cut the cords which bind us, or try to get rid of the entanglements and obstructions that hinder us. We trust too much to luck.

–Orison Swelt Mardon

The only way to overcome the fatalistic attitude is to accept responsibility and believe in the law of cause and effect rather than luck.

–Shiv Khera

You Can Win

To wait for luck is the same thing as waiting for death.

–Japanese Proverb

Fortune surrenders herself to no one so as to ensure him success, however numerous his undertakings.

–Seneca

LUST

Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shall not commit adultery:
But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.

–Bible

Matthew 5: 27, 28S

For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.

1 John 2: 16, 17

Sexual sins such as fornication and adultery are called “acts of love.” They are not acts of love, they are acts of lust.

–Ian Sewter

We need to look into the future and examine what could happen if we permit lust to live in our hearts. It is deadly, destructive and powerful.

–Merlin Carothers

What’s on Your Mind

If we deliberately look at that which encourages immoral thinking, we are ‘making provision’ for the flesh. If we do this, of course the flesh will enjoy itself.

Ibid

The hearts of Christians are being corrupted by the world in which we live. Men and women are being sucked into the filth of lustful, adulterous, covetous thinking, and the only warning Christians are receiving, is to not do any of the physical acts! Of course we are not supposed to do the acts, but we shouldn’t be indulging in the thoughts either.

Ibid

When another person causes you to enter into lustful thoughts, that person is overcoming you. If a woman does this to a man she is literally overcoming him. He usually has no feeling of being ‘overcome’, and would probably staunchly deny it, but in God’s eyes that is what happens. If a man draws a woman into immorality by persuasive words or conduct, he is overcoming her, and she is under his bondage.

Ibid

Men will often try to justify lust by saying that there is nothing wrong with looking at a pretty girl. True, the Bible doesn’t condemn looking at a pretty girl; it condemns lust. The conscience knows the difference.

–Ray Comfort

The expenses of spirit in a waste of shame
Is lust in action; and, till action, lust
Is perjured, murderous, bloody, full of blame, savage, extreme, rude, cruel, not to
trust;
Enjoyed no sooner but despised straight;
Past reason hunted, and no sooner had, past reason hated as a swallowed bait
On purpose laid to make the taker mad;
Mad in pursuit, and in possession so;
Had, having, and in quest to have, extreme;
A bliss in proof, proved, a very woe,
Before, a joy proposed, behind, a dream.
All this the world well knows, yet none knows well
To shun the heaven that leads men to this hell.

–William Shakespeare

Sonnet 129

Lust is a choice to commit in your mind what you'd like to do with your body. You
can be attracted or even aroused without choosing to sin by lusting.

–Rick Warren

The Purpose Driven Life

MARRIAGE

Marriage is honourable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge.

–Bible

Hebrews 13: 4

I say therefore to the unmarried and widows, It is good for them if they abide even as I. But if they cannot contain, let them marry: for it is better to marry than to burn.

1 Corinthians 7: 8,

It is a fusion of two hearts – the union of two lives – the coming together of two tributaries, which after being joined in marriage will flow in the same channel, in the same direction ...carrying the burdens of responsibility and obligation.

–Peter Marshall

Marriage begins when a man and woman decide to spend their lives together and make a public announcement of the fact. But as yet it is like a newborn child – a real person, but weak and in need of development. It takes years to develop fully.

–Theodor Bovet, M.D.

Marriage is not a destination, but a journey. As husband and wife make this journey together, growing and maturing and learning how to love, they will reach sexual harmony as a fruit of their good marriage.

–Jean Banyolak

Better is Your Love Than Wine

Marriage partners tend to become like each other, taking to the others qualities, or developing the opposite characteristics in negative reaction to the other.

–David W. Augsburger

Marriage is not an end but a means towards fulfilling God's purpose for our lives.

– Gari D. Chapman, PhD

“Serving the One You Love,” *Decision*, June 1998

The element that lifts marriage to its highest potential is the attitude and practice of service.

Ibid

When a lifestyle of service becomes reciprocal and each spouse serves the other, a marriage grows. We seek to build up one another and to meet one another's needs, secure in each other's love.

Ibid

Marriage was not a human idea; it was God's idea. God made us in such a way that we complement each other.

Ibid

Marriage cannot succeed for you until you learn to obey the word of God.

–Lisa Comes

Life together is life shared. Shared love, shared work, shared opportunities, shared leadership, even shared initiative.

–David W. Augsburger

Many Christian young people cannot distinguish between a match that would have the blessing of heaven upon it and what is a mere infatuation. Human judgment is often a poor guarantee that a marriage will turn out well. If only the parties concerned would make it a matter of earnest prayer, providence would so overrule as to bring about God's will in the matter.

–Gordon Lindsay

The Charismatic Ministry

What a minister needs is a wife who first of all will be a companion to him, then share in his problems and be able to discuss them with him intellectually. She should not just sit on the sidelines, but be able to participate in her husband's ministry in some tangible way.

Ibid

Nothing can either help or hinder a minister more than his marriage, depending on whether or not he has married in the will of God.

Ibid

While there are many snares waiting for the unmarried pastor, a wrong marriage will prove to be a steel trap. To a large extent the wife holds the success of her husband in her hands.

Ibid

Every good marriage must be a friendship as well as a marriage. Husband and wife must think as much of each other, love each other, interest each other, just as much as two really good friends.

–Theodor Bovet., M.D.

They dream in courtship, but in wedlock wake.

–Alexander Pope

What greater thing is there for two human souls
Than to feel that they are joined for life –
To strengthen each other in all labor.
To rest on each other in all sorrow,
To minister to each other in all pain.
To be one with each other in silent unspeakable memories
At the moment of the last parting.

–George Eliot

A day arrives in every marriage when the lovers must face each other, disillusioned, stripped of last shred of excitement–undisguisedly themselves.

–H. G. Wells

The same situations which may end in divorce for some provide maturity and better understanding for others.

John M. Drescher

Meditations for the Newly Married

In marriage a partnership of the purse is paramount. A steady income does not solve all the money matters in marriage. The secret is a cooperating for the good of both. Better even than a budget is the blessing of discussing items to purchase together.

Ibid

To enter upon the marriage union is one of the most deeply important events of life. It cannot be too prayerfully treated. Our happiness, our usefulness, our

living for God or for ourselves afterwards, are often most intimately connected with our choice. Therefore, in the most prayerful manner, this choice should be made. Neither beauty, nor age, nor money, nor mental powers, should be that which prompts the decision; but 1st, much waiting upon God for guidance should be used; 2nd, A hearty purpose, to be willing to be guided by Him should be aimed after; 3rd, True godliness without a shadow of doubt, should be the first and absolutely needful qualification to a Christian, with regard to a companion for life. In addition to this, however, it ought to be, at the same time, calmly and patiently weighed, whether, in other respects, there is a suitableness.

–George Mueller

Answers to Prayer

Your marriage can be greatly helped by saying the right things, or greatly hurt by saying the wrong things.

–William Hill

What is Holiness?

There is no perfect marriage or perfect husband, just in case you were still searching.

–Marabel Morgan

The Total Woman

It is true that most of us marry a man with every intention of changing him. Then we spend years of married life trying to do just that – round off the edges, suggest what he should do, how he should do, and how he should act. Why are we such fools? It never works! The poor husband crawls into his shell to protect himself from the onslaught, vowing never to communicate with this relentless woman who was once his bride.

Ibid

The test of long-time-love, the secret of keeping the luster on marriage, boils down to: Is my love cleansing and purifying my wife? Is my submission drawing my husband into a more obedient posture with the Lord?

–Howard G. and Jeanne Hendricks

Decision, February 1989

There is no more lovely, friendly, and charming relationship, communion, or company than a good marriage.

–Martin Luther

MEDITATION

This book of the Law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but, thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.

–Bible

Joshua 1:8

And Isaac went out to meditate in the field at eventide: and he lifted up his eyes, and saw, and, behold, the camels were coming.

Genesis 24: 63

I will stand upon my watch, and set me upon the tower, and will watch to see what he will say unto me, and what I shall answer when I am reproved. And the LORD answered me, and said, Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it.

Habakkuk 2: 1, 2

Take time: Give God time to reveal Himself to you. Give yourself time to be silent and quiet before Him, waiting to receive through the spirit the assurance of His presence with you, His power working in you.

–Rev. Andrew Murray

The dew falls in the still night when all nature is hushed to rest. What is true in nature holds true in spiritual things; in this we have the key reason why so many of God's people are living dewless lives. They are restless, anxious, impatient, fussy, busy, with not time at all to be still before the Lord.

–Pastor W. Mallis

The person who spends time thinking the thoughts of God will find tremendous depth and understanding that will touch all areas of his life. It is, after all, in meditation that we rise above ourselves (and the world) for the purpose of seeing God's

plan in proper perspective. Only from such a vantage point can we see the spiritual realm clearly.

–Dick Eastmen

The Hour That Changes the World

A calm hour with God is worth a whole lifetime with man.

–Robert Murray McCheyne

Through reading the word of God, and especially through meditation on the word of God, the believer becomes more and more acquainted with the nature and character of God, and thus sees more and more, besides His holiness and justice, what a kind, loving, gracious, merciful, mighty, wise, and faithful Being He is, and, therefore, in his family, difficulty in his service, want of a situation or employment, he will repose upon the ability of God to help him...

–George Mueller

Answers to Prayer

Meditation is a spiritual act as definite and purposeful as a business engagement, a pledge of friendship, or a solemn undertaking. In it we apply spiritual facts and principles to ourselves as individuals and as citizens of the Kingdom of God. Having pondered them, we seek to appropriate their value by an outgoing of our loving desires towards God, and by exercising our will in the formation of resolutions. No meditation is really valid unless it leaves us with something to which we can return during the day's business and find it helpful there.

–Bridgid E. Herman

Creative Prayer

MINISTRY

And say to Archippus, Take heed to the ministry which thou hast received in the Lord, that thou fulfill it.

–Bible

Colossians 4: 17

And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who hath enabled me, for that he counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry.

1 Timothy 1: 12

I think anyone who thinks the Ministry is hard is going about it the wrong way – it's not always easy, but I believe it is the most exciting, rewarding, and fulfilling life anyone will ever find.

–Casy Treat

You will never be short of ministry as long as you are full of the Word.

–Reinhard Bonnke

Evangelism by Fire

An ignorant minister is none of God's making, for God gives gifts where He gives a calling.

–Henry Wilkinson

MISSIONS

As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them. And when they had fasted and prayed, and laid their hands on them, they sent them away. So they, being sent forth by the Holy Ghost, departed unto Seleucia; and from thence they sailed to Cyprus.

–Bible

Acts 13: 3 – 4

Missions is clearly the primary ministry or calling of the Church, and it must begin at home.

–Dr. Prince Guneratnam

The missionary enterprise is not the Church's afterthought; it is Christ's forethought.

–Henry Dyke

Every Christian should have the world in his heart! That is, he should be willing to settle for nothing less than evangelism worldwide.

–Richard C. Halverson

The acid test of one's genuine concern for the foreign mission of the Church is his

concern for the friend next door.

–Richard C. Halverson

One certainly will not be evangelistic in another location if he is not evangelistic where he is.

–Richard C. Halverson

No one has ever been called to a divine mission without the anointing of the Spirit to accomplish what he has been called to do.

–Finis Jennings Dake

Peak performers are people who are committed to a compelling mission. It is very clear that they care deeply about what they do and their efforts, energies and enthusiasms are traceable back to that particular mission.

–Dr. Charles Garfield

When you discover your mission, you will feel its demand. It will fill you with enthusiasm and a burning desire to get to work on it.

–W. Clement Stone

I look upon all the world as my parish; thus far I mean, that, in whatever part of it I am, I judge it meet, right, and my bounden duty, to declare unto all that are willing to hear, the glad tidings of Salvation. This is the work which I know God has called me to do; and sure I am, that His blessing attends it.

–John Wesley

Works, Vol. I

MONEY

For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

–Bible

1 Timothy 6: 10

But Peter said unto him, Thy money perish with thee, because thou hast thought that the gift of God may be purchased with money.

Acts 8: 20

Money, like fire, is a faithful servant but a tyrannical master.

–Wallace Denton

We cannot avoid facing the fact that unhealthy and immature attitudes towards money are at the base of many family difficulties.

–Wallace Denton

Neither a borrower nor a lender be.

–William Shakespeare

Hamlet

You must spend money, if you wish to make money.

Titus Marcus Plautus

Money will say more in one moment than the most eloquent lover can say in years.

–Henry Fielding

The Miser

All of us know that money is a necessary commodity in the kind of civilization in which we live. It is an important element in promoting Christian work. Its availability to a considerable extent governs the scope of our activities. It is, therefore, natural that a minister looks for ways and means by which he can secure necessary funds for the work that he feels called to do.

–Gordon Lindsay

The Charismatic Ministry

The Manner of taking offerings in a campaign is extremely important. If every service or a considerable number of services is occupied with a lengthy appeal for larger offerings, the effect upon the people of the community is likely to be unfavorable. The ministers so engaged will soon be regarded as employed mainly in money raising. Worse, the people will become accustomed to giving only under high pressure.

Ibid

Money will bring out your true character.

–Rev. John Hagee

Money can be a booby trap for the unwary. We need pure hearts, pure motives and God's anointing upon our eyes to perceive the snares of the devil.

–Reinhard Bonnke

Evangelism by Fire

God spares neither Himself nor dollars to find lost men and women. A church can't afford to save money instead of saving souls.

Ibid

No man is qualified to be an elder or a deacon who has not overcome money.

–Watchman Nee

The Character of the Lord's Worker

A worker of the Lord should not accept just any money that comes his way, even when it is not for his own use.

Ibid

Getting into debt, is getting into a tanglesome net.

–Benjamin Franklin

MORALITY

Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report, if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.

–Bible

Philippians 4: 8

Moral agents possess intellect, or the faculty of knowledge. They also possess sensibility, or in other words the faculty of feeling. They also possess will, or the power of choosing or refusing in every case of moral obligation. Man is a moral agent.

–Charles G. Finney

Revival Truths

Moral beings exist. They must of necessity be happy or miserable. Moral Law is that mode of moral action that exactly accords with the nature and relations of moral

beings. Conformity to this Law is virtue. Virtue is the cause of happiness. Happiness is an ultimate good.

Ibid

Moral depravity is depravity of choice. It is a choice at variance with moral law, moral right. It is synonymous with sin or sinfulness. It is moral depravity because it has moral character.

Ibid

Moral law is written into everything.

–Anon

Those who obey the moral law get results; those who break it get consequences. Make up your mind to be moral in the area of sex, as in other areas of life.

–S. Hughes

We have committed the Golden Rule to memory; let us now commit it to life.

–Edwin Markam

Man's technology has leaped far ahead of his moral ability to control that technology.

–Billy Graham

There is only one way to be an ethical individual and that is to choose your cause and serve it.

Anon

We have grasped the mystery of the atom and rejected the Sermon on the Mount... The world has achieved brilliance without conscience. Ours is a world of nuclear giants and ethical infants.

–General Omar Bradley

Piety requires us to honour truth above our friends.

–Aristotle

Nicomachean Ethics, I

The Roman Empire declined in spite of her splendid civilization, as the result of moral laxity and the pursuit of pleasure. Today, a large number of people seek mo-

ments of pleasure in sex, alcohol and drugs, but all they get for their efforts is extreme emotional instability and a state of stupor.

Dr. David Yonggi Cho

– *Salvation, Health & Prosperity*

Those who commit an immoral act may at first be conscience-stricken and overwhelmed by the realization that they have broken God's moral law. But then like David they find that God has not altogether forsaken them. Some may tearfully accept God's forgiveness and firmly resolve from then on that there will never be a repetition of their indiscretion. But others instead of being appreciative and grateful for God's mercy may consider His forbearance an indication that He condones what they have done. Such persons are indeed on dangerous ground. They are indeed heading straight for disaster.

–**Gordon Lindsay**

The Charismatic Ministry

Christians are to be faithful stewards because the Kingdom of God is here; their values and goals are to be different from those of the world. Christians must choose whom they will serve because they cannot serve both God and money.

–**Dennis J. Ireland**

Those who corrupt the public mind, are just as evil as those who steal from the public purse.

–**Adlai Stevenson**

To counsel people to use condom for illicit sex if they *cannot* abstain is similar to telling them to steal if they can evade the consequences of doing so. Such counselors seem to consider only the physical consequences of the illicit sex act and forget that the moral, spiritual and psychological are even more damaging.

–**C. Jairu Feludu**

Indiscriminate use of condom increases moral decadence and reduces incentive to marry among single adults. This is a grave danger signal for the first human institution– marriage.

–**C. Jairu Feludu**

MOTIVATION

And when they had found him on the other side of the sea, they said unto him, Rabbi, when camest thou thither? Jesus answered them and said, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Ye seek me, not because ye saw the miracles, but because ye did eat of the loaves, and were filled. Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you: for him hath God the Father sealed.

–Bible

John 6: 25 – 27

Motivation is like fire – unless you keep adding fuel to it, it dies. Just like exercise and food don't last long, neither does motivation.

–Shiv Khera

You Can Win

Don't wait to be motivated. Take the bull by the horns until you have him screaming for mercy.

–Michael Cadena

MUSIC

And David spake to the Chief of the Levites to appoint their brethren to be the singers with instruments of musick, psalteries and harps and cymbals, sounding, by lifting up the voice with joy.

–Bible

1 Chronicles 15: 16

I learned the Violin by 'planned neglect.' I used to go to my room in the morning, make my bed, straighten the room, sweep the floor, dust, etc., but the Violin didn't go forward. I resolved, therefore, to neglect everything until my practice was done. That was how I achieved distinction in music.

–Anon

Among other things adapted for man's pleasure, music is either the foremost, or one of the principal; and we must esteem it a gift from God designed for that purpose.

–John Calvin

The lyrics of some hit songs are obscene. We can be subconsciously influenced by the music we hear and the performance we watch.

–Shiv Khera

You Can Win

I consider music as a very innocent diversion, and perfectly compatible with the profession of a Clergyman.

– Jane Austen

Pride and Prejudice

In today's world, music captivates the youth of the whole Western world. Unfortunately, Satan has recognized this and is exploiting this youthful craving for music. Satan has infiltrated the musical artists, producers and distributors of Western secular music. This music proclaims messages of immorality, lust, sex, rebellion, anti-Christian, anti-Christ and even murder and suicide.

–John & Carolyn Murphy

Putting Christian words to rock and roll music and calling it Christian rock makes as much sense as putting Bible verses on cigarette packages and calling them "Holy Smoke", or making the whiskey bottle in the shape of a cross and labeling it "Holy Spirit".

–William F. Hill

What is Holiness?

I am afraid that where organs, choirs, and singing men and women are left to do the praise of the congregation, men's minds are more occupied with the due performance of the music than with the Lord, who alone is to be praised. God's house is meant to be sacred unto Himself, but too often it is made an opera house, and Christians form an audience, not an adoring assembly. We come not together to amuse ourselves, to display our powers of melody, or our aptness in creating harmony. We come to pay our adoration at the footstool of the great King, to Whom alone be glory forever and ever.

–Charles H. Spurgeon

Our singing should be such that God hears it with pleasure – singing in which there is not so much art as heart, not so much musical sound as of spiritual emotion.

–Charles H. Spurgeon

The man that hath no music in himself,
Nor is not moved with concord of sweet sounds,
Is fit for treasons, stratagems and spoils...
Let no such man be trusted.

–William Shakespeare

The Merchant of Venice

NAGGING

A continual dropping in a very rainy day and a contentious woman are alike. Whosoever hideth her hideth the wind, and the ointment of his right hand, which bewrayeth itself.

–Bible

Proverbs 27: 15, 16

It is better to dwell in a corner of the housetop, than with a brawling woman in a wide house.

Proverbs 27: 15, 16

The nagger nags because she has no choice in the matter. She has been carefully trained–almost programmed like a computer – to nag, by the person she nags the most.

–Sharon Carter

Not all naggers, especially husband–trained naggers, are aware that they nag. When accused of it, their reaction is often a very indignant ‘I do not’.

–Sharon Carter

The nagger and the naggee can change, by applying the same principles that can improve almost any marriage or family problem. Stop and listen to yourself – see if you really are nagging. Try to understand why you are doing what you are doing, and then communicate with your spouse and with other members of your family.

–Sharon Carter

The contentious wife. One cannot sit, stand, work or sleep without her continual and perpetual nagging.

–Finis Jennings Dake

Those who complain most are most to be complained of.

–Matthew Henry

Matthew Henry's Commentary

How those are to be pitied that are unequally yoked, especially with such as are brawling and contentious, whether husband or wife; for it is equally true of both. It

is better to be alone than to be joined to one who, instead of being a meet-help, is a great hindrance to the comfort of life.

Ibid

What a great affliction it is to a man to have a brawling, scolding woman for his wife, who upon every occasion, and often upon no occasion, breaks out into a passion, and chides either him or those about her, is fretful to herself and furious to her children and servants, and, in both, vexations to her husband.

–**Matthew Henry**

I've come to believe that there is a nag in every woman. But not every woman nags in a detrimental way.

–**Patricia H. Rushford.**

If you feel you must nag, shift the emphasis from being critical to being encouraging. Remove the frown and add a smile. Do less of lecturing and a little more listening.

–**Patricia H. Rushford**

OBEDIENCE

And Samuel said, Hath the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams.

–Bible

1 Samuel 15: 22

Then Peter and the other Apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men.

Acts 5: 2

By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went.

Hebrews 11:8

From beginning to end, from Paradise lost to Paradise regained, the law is unchangeable—it is only obedience that gives access to the tree of life and the favour of God.

–Andrew Murray

Learning Obedience

Obey! Obey! Obey! Simply, intelligently, the will of the Father because it is the Father's will, whether you see your way out or not. That is the very underground work of our Master's victory in the wilderness.

–S.D. Gordon

There was happiness in the Garden of Eden until wrong choices in obedience were made. Fear and insecurity came into this world when Eve listened and saw what most women today see on television, was deceived by Satan, made a wrong choice in obedience and brought upon her and all women the curse of pain in childbearing.

–Elmer G. Klasson

The very best proof of your love for your Lord is obedience...nothing more, nothing less, nothing else.

–Charles R. Swindoll

OPPORTUNITY

Now there is at Jerusalem by the sheep market a pool, which is called in the Hebrew tongue Bethesda, having five porches. In these lay a great multitude of impotent folk, of blind, halt, withered, waiting for the moving of the water. For an angel went down at a certain season into the pool, and troubled the water: whosoever then first after the troubling of the water stepped in was made whole of whatsoever disease he had.

–Bible

John 5:2-4

Weak men wait for opportunities: strong men make them.

–Anderson M. Baton

Opportunities cannot be hoarded, once past, they are usually irretrievable.

–Dr. Henry Alfred Kissinger

There are opportunities lying dormant everywhere waiting for the observant eye to discover.

–John L. Mason

Opportunities can drop in your lap if you have your lap where opportunities drop.

–John L. Mason

Many people seem to think that opportunity means a chance to get money without earning it.

–John L. Mason

Opportunity is missed by most people because it is dressed in overalls and looks like work.

–Thomas Alva Edison

What is the difference between an obstacle and an opportunity? Our attitude towards it. Every opportunity has a difficulty, and every difficulty has an opportunity.

–J. Sidlo Baxter

When one door of happiness closes, another opens; but often we look so long at the

closed door that we do not see the one that has been opened for us.

–**Helen Keller**

Every ceiling, when reached becomes a floor upon which one walks and now can see a new ceiling. Every exit is an entry somewhere.

–**Tom Stoppard**

PAIN

For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now. And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body.

–Bible

Romans 8:22, 23

And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

Revelation 21:4

God whispers to us in our pleasures, speaks in our consciences, shouts in our pains; it is His megaphone to rouse a deaf world.

–C. S. Lewis

Pain has no favourites.

–Anon

The greatest pains are those you can tell no one.

–Anon

Real men are made by no soft and easy process, but by labour, sorrow, and pain.

–Norman Vincent Peale

Every champion has discovered that pain is seasonal. It will pass. It is the passage to promotion.

–Mike Murdock

If anybody is not disturbed by the problem of pain, it is for one of two reasons: either because of hardening of the heart or else because of softening of the brain.

–G.A. Studdert Kennedy

There is no magic cure for a person in pain. Mainly, such a person needs love, for love instinctively detects what is needed.

–Philip Yancey

These pains and trouble here are like the type which the printer set; as they look now, we have to read them backwards, and they seem to have no sense or meaning in them; but up yonder, when the Lord God prints us off in the life to come, we shall find they make brave reading.

–Martin Luther, on his sick bed

PARENTING

Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.

–Bible

Proverbs 22: 6

And ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

Ephesians 6: 4

Where parents do too much for their children, the children will not do much for themselves.

–Albert Hubbard

A parent can absolutely destroy a child through the application of harsh, oppressive, whimsical, unloving, or capricious punishment.

–James Dobson

We never know the love of our parents for us till we have become parents.

–Henry Ward Beecher

Bringing up a family should be an adventure.

–Milton R. Sapirstein

PASSION

Simeon and Levi are brethren; instruments of cruelty are in their habitations. O my

soul come not thou into their secret; unto their assembly, mine honour, be not thou united: for in their anger they slew a man, and in their self will they digged down a wall. Cursed be their anger for it was fierce; and their wrath, for it was cruel: I will divide them in Jacob, and scatter them in Israel.

–Genesis 49:5–7

A strong passion for any object will insure success, for the desire of the end will point out the means.

–William Hazlitt.

It is passion that persuades.

–John L. Mason

No man is free if his passion fights against his reason and prevails; he is free only when his reason fights against his passion and prevails

–Aristotle

What generates passion and zeal in you is a clue to revealing your destiny.

–Mike Murdock

Give me one hundred preachers who fear nothing but sin and desire nothing but God, and I care not straw whether they be clergy or laymen, such alone will shake the gates of hell and set up the kingdom of God upon the earth.

–John Wesley

It is easier to avoid passions than to control them.

–Anon

Three passions, simple but overwhelmingly strong, have governed my life: the longing for love, the search for knowledge, and the unbearable pity for the suffering of mankind. These passions, like great winds, have blown me hither and thither, in a wayward course, over a deep ocean of anguish, reaching to the very verge of despair.

–Bertrand Russel

The Autobiography of Bertrand Russel

Beware of non-Christian doctors, psychologists or psychiatrists who advise promiscuity or self-abuse as a way of release from passions.

–Selwyn Hughes

PATIENCE

Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompense of reward. For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise.

–Bible

Hebrews 10:35, 36

In your patience possess ye your souls.

Luke 21:19

At the point when our patience wears out, it ceases to be patience.

–Darrel Lee

We don't go far in our Christian experience before trials come and we find that we must sometimes wait upon God for His answers. Waiting certainly requires patience, and this is God's way of helping develop that spiritual attribute.

–Darrel Lee

Take time to do things right.

–Mike Murdock

Patience is the weapon that forces deception to reveal itself.

–Mike Murdock

One manifestation of patience in a leader consists in his not running too far ahead of his followers and thus discouraging them. While keeping ahead, he stays near enough for them to keep him in sight and hear his call forward.

–J. Oswald Sanders

Spiritual Leadership

PEACE

Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord.

–Bible

Hebrews 12:14

Blessed are the peacemakers; for they shall be called the children of God.

Mathew 5:9

Those who make peace bring God in, but those who cause division shut Him out. To bring God in is the most righteous act that any man can perform. To wreck His sanctuary and drive God out is the most wicked thing that any man or devil can do.

–E.A. Reinschmidt

Peace is that time between wars.

–Anon

The first and fundamental law of nature is to seek peace and follow it.

–Thomas Hobbes

Leviathan

The world will be safe and secure in its peace only when nations adopt the principles of Christ and play fair within them.

–William Pierson Merrill

PECULIARITY

Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine. And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation.

–Bible

Exodus 19:5, 6

But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

1 Peter 2:9

See that ‘no man takes thy crown’. Be willing to be one of Christ peculiar people, no

matter what men may say of you.

–D.L Moody

There must be a separation from the evil system of this world if we are to please God and enter into heaven.

–William F. Hill

What is Holiness?

Don't let the world around you squeeze into its own mould.

–Phillips

The Christian should stand out like a sparkling diamond against a rough background. He should be more wholesome than anyone else. He should be poised, cultured, courteous, gracious, but firm in the things he does and does not do. He should laugh and be radiant, but he should refuse to allow the world to pull him to its level.

–Billy Graham

If you're going to stand out as a Christian it's going to take steel in your backbone. Because being made fun of is no fun: Being insulted hurts. Being rejected brings pain. But as Christians, that's exactly what God is calling us to.

–Karen Barrett

The more the Church is different from the world in her acts and in her maxims, the more true is her testimony of Christ, and the more potent is her witness against sin.

–Charles H. Spurgeon

PERFECTION

Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.

–Bible

Matthew 5:48

And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I am the Almighty God; walk before me, and be thou perfect.

Genesis 17:1

God is in this hour preparing to bring the body of Christ into perfection. For over-

comers, this perfection will be wrought in them through the instrumentality of His Word and their obedience to it.

–Hobart E. Freeman

The nearer men are to being sinless, the less they talk about it.

–D.L Moody

We shall never come to the perfect man till we come to the perfect world.

–Matthew Henry

I would rather aim at perfection and fall short of it than aim at imperfection and fully attain it.

–A.J. Gordon

Though none is already perfect, each should press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

–Gordon Lindsay

Trifles make perfection and perfection is no trifle.

–Michelangelo

What is Christian perfection? Loving God with all our heart, mind and strength.

–John Wesley

When I began to make the Scriptures my study, I began to see that Christians are called to love God with all their heart and to serve him with all their strength; which is precisely what I apprehend to be meant by the scriptural term perfection.

–John Wesley

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PERSEVERANCE

Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life.

–Bible

Revelation 2:10b

And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold. But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.

Matthew 24:12, 13

Never think that God's delays are God's denials. Hold on; hold fast; hold out. Patience is genius.

–Compte de Buffon

Trying times are no time to quit trying.

–John L. Mason

If you fall, don't give up, get up!

–Anon

Nothing in the world can take the place of perseverance.

Talent will not; nothing is more common than unsuccessful man with talent. Genius will not; unrewarded genius is almost a proverb. Education alone will not; the world is full of educated derelicts. Persistence and determination alone are omnipotent.

–Ray Kroc

Perhaps you are weak-handed, but stick to it steadily, and you will see great effects, for constant dropping wears away stones, and little strokes fell great oaks.

–Benjamin Franklin

It is not always the smartest man who gets along the best; it is the man with bulldog tenacity, the man who perseveres and never gives up, who succeeds.

–W.E Corey

In the confrontation between the stream and the rock, the stream always wins—not by strength but by perseverance.

–H. Jackson Brown

A Father's Book of Wisdom

PERSISTENCE

Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord for as much as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

–Bible

1 Corinthians 15:58

That which we persist in doing becomes easier—not that the nature of the task has changed, but our ability to do has increased.

–Ralph Waldo Emerson

Often genius is just another way of spelling persistence.

–John L. Mason

Whatever you want to accomplish in life will require persistence.

–John L. Mason

You never learn persistence until you have something you really want. You never learn faith until you have trials to test who you are and what you believe.

–Ron Kenoly

Look at the stone cutter hammering away at the rock, perhaps a 100 times without as much as a crack showing in it. Yet at the last blow it will split in two and I know it was not the last blow that did it, but all that had gone before.

–Jacob Riis

I determined never to stop until I had come to the end and achieved my purpose.

–Dr. David Livingstone

When things go wrong,
As they sometimes will,
When the road you're trudging seems all uphill,
When the funds are low and the debts are high,
When you want to smile, but you have to sigh,
When care is pressing you down a bit—
Rest if you must, but don't quit.

–Anon {"Press On!"}

An enterprise, when fairly once begun, should not be left till all that ought is won.

–William Shakespeare

PERSONALITY

And the LORD said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil?

–Bible

Job 1:8

If we want to build a pleasing personality, we have to examine our habits closely. What begins as an occasional indulgence turns into a permanent flaw.

–Shiv Khera

You Can Win

Your personality means the aspect of yourself which makes you effective in life. It is evident that there are two aspects of effectiveness of individuality. First, how do you affect or stimulate others? This is your stimulation value. Second, how do others affect you? How do you respond to others? That is your response aspect of value. Put these together, your response effect upon others and that is virtually your personality.

–Dr. Rollo May

Every maladjusted person is a person who has not made himself known to another human being and in consequence does not know himself. Nor can he be himself. More than that, he struggles actively to avoid becoming known by another human being. He works at it ceaselessly, twenty –four hours daily; and it is work.

–Sidney Jourard

The finest people in this world are sensitive people who are hurt deeply when they are misunderstood, who really want to love and to be loved.

–Anon

PILGRIMS

By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went. By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as in a strange country, dwelling in

tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise: For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God... These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth...But now they desire a better *country*, that is, an heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for he has prepared for them a city.

Bible

Hebrews 11: 8-10, 13, 16

Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul.

1 Peter 2:11

The world nys but a thurghfare full of wo,
And we ben pilgrymes, passynge to and fro;
Deeth is an ende of every worldly sore.

–Geoffrey Chaucer (1343?–1400)

The Canterbury Tales, “The Night’s Tale”

While we walk the pilgrim pathway,
Clouds will overspread the sky;
But when traveling days are over,
Not a shadow, not a sigh.

*When we all get to heaven,
What a day of rejoicing that will be!
When we all see Jesus,
We'll sing and shout the victory.
When we All Get to Heaven {Hymn}*

But although Christ prays that His people may eventually be with Him where He is, He does not ask that they may be taken at once away from this world to heaven. He wishes them to stay here. Yet how frequently does the wearied pilgrim put up the prayer, “O that I had wings like a dove! For then would I fly away and be at rest;” but Christ does not pray like that, He leaves us in His Father’s hands, until, like shocks of corn fully ripe, we shall each be gathered into our Master’s garner.

–C. H. Spurgeon

Spurgeon's Daily Devotional

The believer must realize that he is in a territory filled with mines, bombs and other dangerous weapons of war being used by the devil against him. In this war, Satan and his cohorts are multiplying their instruments and weapons of war and are ready to shoot down any pilgrim on the highway of holiness. Such perilous times are not the best times for the Christian on a pilgrimage to heaven to fall asleep, if he hopes to get to heaven.

W.F.Kumuyi

Sunday Message, 29th June, 2008

POSITIVENESS

Behold, I go forward, but he is not there; and backward, but I cannot perceive.... But he knoweth the way that I take: when he hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold.

–Bible

Job 23:8, 10

Thinking of the positive things that are true, honest and good, will put us in a positive state of mind.

–Shiv Khera

You Can Win

Let's start looking for what is right in a person or situation instead of looking for what is wrong. Because of our conditioning, we are so attuned to finding fault and looking for what is wrong that we forget to see the positive picture.

–Anon

Dealing with people is like digging gold. When you go digging for an ounce of gold, you have to move tons of dirt to get an ounce of gold. But when you go digging you don't go looking for the dirt, you go looking for the gold.

–Andrew Carnegie

POVERTY

For the poor shall never cease out of the land: therefore I command thee, saying,

thou shalt open thine hand wide unto thy brother, to the poor, and to thy needy, in the land.

–Bible

Deuteronomy 15:11

I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot... Because thou sayest, I am rich, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and naked I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see.

Revelation 3:15, 17, 18

In the quiet of American conscience, we know that deep, persistent poverty is unworthy of our nation's promise. And whatever our views of its causes, we can agree that children at risk are not at fault. Where there is suffering, there is duty.

–George W. Bush

Inauguration Address, January 20, 2001; the 43rd President of USA

I believe that God has a special concern for the poor of the world and public policy should in some way reflect this concern.

–Billy Graham

To be poor and independent is very nearly an impossibility.

–William Cobbett

Advice to young Men

The poorest man is he whose only wealth is money.

–Anon

POWER

But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is after come upon you: and ye shall be witness unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

–Bible

Act 1:8

He giveth power to the faint; and they that have no might he increaseth strength.

Isaiah 40:29

Nearly all men can stand adversity but if you want to test a man's character, give him power.

–**Abraham Lincoln**

If believers desire God's supernatural power against demons and the gates of hell, they must possess the fire, zeal and authority which religious people of the world or demons cannot resist. God's super natural power belongs to those who believe, practice and give attention to the subject of prayer and fasting.

– **W. F. Kumuyi**

Power through Prayer and Fasting

Mental power may gather a large congregation, but only spiritual power will save souls. What we need is spiritual power.

– **C.H Spurgeon**

Power tends to corrupt and absolute power corrupts absolutely.

–**Lord Action**

Power is my mistress, I have worked hard in conquering her to allow anyone to take her from me or even to covet her.

–**Napoleon**

Little of the Word with little prayer is death to the spiritual life. Much of the Word with little prayer gives a sickly life. Much prayer with little of the Word gives more life, but without steadfastness. A full measure of the Word and prayer each day gives a healthy and powerful life.

–**Andrew Murray**

The Prayer Life

The greatest factor in life is that which exerts most power, not the element which takes most time. The five minutes we give to the words of Jesus the first thing in the morning are worth more than all the rest of the day.

– **Oswald chambers**

Our Brilliant heritage

Religious leaders are learning that as the Church recognizes its function, teaching the simple and practical techniques of spiritual power to today's men and women, it is opening the way for a new chapter in the power of the Spirit.

–Norman Vincent Peale

For some strange reason written into the constitution of the universe the power of God in spiritual form is blocked by the evil in men's lives. To the degree to which men generally seek and receive forgiveness and live a cleansed moral life does spiritual power operate in their affairs.

–Norman Vincent Peale.

PRAYER

And in the morning, rising up a great while before day, he went out, and departed into a solitary place, and here prayed.

–Bible

Mark 1:35

And call upon me in the day of trouble I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me.

Psalms 50:15

Actually, prayer is a two – way communication between God and us. Our prayer should not be an arrangement of stilted phrases, but natural conversation as one would talk to a loved one.

–Dr L. Nelson Bell

Nothing lies beyond the reach of prayer except that which lies outside the will of God.

– Anon

We should be careful; what we ask from God; But when once we begin to pray for a thing we should never give up praying for it until we receive it, or until God makes it very clear and definite that it is not His will to grant it.

– R. A. Torrey

Prayer is the contact of a living soul with God. In prayer, God stoops to kiss man, to bless man and to aid in everything that God can devise or man can need.

–E. M. Bounds

If the request isn't right the answer is 'No.' if the timing isn't right His answer is 'slow' if you aren't ready yet His answer is 'Grow' when everything's ready and right...His answer is 'Go'.

–Anon

In prayer you align yourselves to the purpose and power of God and he is able to do things through you that he couldn't do otherwise. For this is an open universe, where some things are left open, contingent upon our doing them, they will never be done. For God has left certain things which will never be done except as we pray.

– Dr. E. Stanley Jones

The secret of effective prayer

I don't very often spend more than a half hour in prayer at one time, but never go more than a half hour without praying.

– Smith Wigglesworth

Prayer isn't a last resort to turn to in an emergency. Prayer is an essential part of our day to day life. When we learn the Secret of praying, our whole life will become a succession of miracles.

–Gordon Lindsay

Praying is a form of work. The farmer ploughs his field often when he does not feel like it, but he confidently expects a crop for his labors. Now, if prayer is a form of work, and our labor is not in vain in the Lord, should we not pray regardless of feelings?

–The late Commissioner Brengle

The one concern of the devil is to keep Christians from praying. He fears nothing from prayerless studies, prayerless religion. He laughs at our toil, mocks at our wisdom, but trembles when we pray.

–Samuel Chadwick

Preaching, Music, the reading of the Word – these things are fine; I believe in and practice all of them. But they must never override prayer as the defining mark of God's dwelling.

-Jim Symbala

Fresh Wind, Fresh Fire

The reason why many fail in battle is because they wait until the hour of battle. The reason why others succeed is because they have gained their victory on their knees long before the battle came. Anticipate your battles; fight them on your knees before the temptation comes and you will always have victory.

-R. A Torrey

Prayer is the key to real success; we stand tallest when we are on our knees

-John L. Mason

The fewer the words, the better the prayer.

-Martin Luther

I judge that my prayer is more than the devil himself; if it were otherwise, Luther would have fared differently long before this. Yet man will not see and acknowledge the great wonders or miracles God works in my behalf. If I should neglect prayer but a single day, I should lose a great deal of the fire of faith.

-Martin Luther

To be a Christian without prayer is no more possible than to be alive without breathing.

-Martin Luther

He who kneels the most stands best.

-Dwight L. Moody

Prayer must carry on our work, as well as preaching. He does not preach heartily to his people who do not pray for them. If we do not prevail with God to give them repentance and faith, we are not likely to prevail with them to repent and believe.

-Richard Baxter

The breakfast of Christian Champions is early Morning Prayer.

- Billy Joe Daugherty

Prayer is the umbilical cord that allows you with your embryonic ideas to draw nourishment from a source that you like an unborn infant, can neither see nor fully know or comprehend –God our heavenly Father!

– **Robert H. Schuller**

O Lord, give me Scotland, or I die.

– **John Knox**, the Scottish reformer and mighty man of prayer. God gave him Scotland.

Revivals are born in prayer. Whole nights of prayer have always been succeeded by whole days of soul winning.

–**Rev. J. Wilbur Chapman**, D.D

The carpet in front of the mirrors of some of you people is worn tread bare, while at the side of your bed where you should kneel in prayer it is as good as the day you put it down.

–**Billy Sunday**

Prayer– secret, fervent, believing prayer –lies at the root of all personal godliness.

– **William Carey**

Prayer is the first thing, the second thing, the third thing necessary to a minister. Pray, then, my dear brother; pray, pray, pray.

–**Edward Payson**

The leading defect in Christian ministers is want of a devotional habit.

–**Richard Cecil**

PREACHING

And he said unto them, go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.

–**Bible**

Mark 16:15

And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom but in demonstration of the spirit and of power: That your faith should not stand in the

wisdom of men, but in the power of God.

1 Corinthians 2:4, 5

Brethren, our preaching will bear its legitimate fruits. If immorality prevails in the land, the fault is ours in a great degree. If there is a decay of conscience, the pulpit is responsible for it. If the public press lacks moral discrimination, the pulpit is responsible for it. If the Church is degenerate and worldly, the pulpit is responsible for it. If the world loses its interest in religion; if Satan rules in our halls of legislation, the pulpit is responsible for it. Let us not ignore this fact my dear brethren, but let us lay it to heart, and be thoroughly awake to our responsibility in respect to the morals of this nation.

–Charles G. Finney, to preachers and ministers.

I believe that the most damnable thing a man can do is to preach the gospel merely as an actor and turn the worship of God into a kind of theatrical performance.

– C.H Spurgeon

No man who preaches the gospel without zeal is sent from God to preach at all.

–C.H Spurgeon

Let eloquence be flung to the dogs rather than souls be lost. What we want is to win souls. They are not won by flowery speeches.

–C.H Spurgeon

You and I must continue to drive at men's hearts till they are broken. Then we must keep on preaching Christ crucified until their hearts are bound up.

–C.H Spurgeon

Before I can preach love, mercy and grace, I must preach sin, law and judgment.

–John Wesley

The gospel has not been clearly preached if the hearer doesn't know that not to make a decision is a decision.

–Dan Arnold

Our gospel preaching must be in the power of the Holy Spirit, followed by signs and wonders; for wherever the gospel is preached, the old man is thrown off and our old master, the devil, goes out with a loud cry.

–David Yonggi Cho

The content of many messages preached from our pulpits today have taken away the hearts of men from God and turned them to material things that have no eternal value. This is the reason for the cold heartedness, half-heartedness, and lack of commitment to God in the Church today.

–Rev. William Okoye

You are Created for a Higher Purpose

Preaching the Gospel is like plugging into a power socket. The Gospel can't be used until it is spoken.

–Reinhard Bonnke

Evangelism by Fire

PREDESTINATION

According as he has chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will.

–Bible

Ephesians 1:4, 5

Let a man go to the grammar school of faith and repentance before he goes to the university of election and predestination.

–George Whitefield

All objections to the doctrine of predestination proceed from the wisdom of the flesh.

– Martin Luther

The reason for the predestination of some, and reprobation of others, must be sought for in the goodness of God.

– Thomas Aquinas

The ground of the discrimination that exists among men is the sovereign will of God and that alone; but the ground of damnation to which the reprobate are consigned is sin and sin alone.

–John Calvin

God is not responsible for the acts of Esau or Jacob, the Jews or Gentiles. He had to make the choice of Jacob over Esau due to the dispositions and lives of the boys.

–Finis Jennings Dake

It could not mean that by God's predetermined decree certain ones are to be saved and others are to be lost simply upon the basis of his own choice. Predestination is never that of individual conformity of the will to salvation without man's choice, but rather that God has predestined a plan that all who conform will be saved and all who do not will be damned. It is the plan not the act of the will that is predestined.

–Finis Jennings Dake

God has fore ordained, determined, and predestinated that all men be called to salvation, but that only the ones who accept become genuine called ones to be justified and glorified. None are glorified, but those who, according to his purpose, meet the terms of the gospel. Who they will be is left up to the individual.

–Finis Jennings Dake

Predestination is that effective exercise of the will of God by which things before determined by him are brought to pass.

–Rev. C.I Scofield

PREPARATION

Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, who ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the Lord of hosts.

–Bible

Malachi 3:1

And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto my

self; that where I am, there ye may be also.

John 14: 3

Preparation time is never wasted time.

–Mike Murdock

God is never in a hurry but spends years with those He expects to greatly use. He never thinks the days of preparation too long or too dull.

–Anonymous

When God delays, He is not inactive. He is getting ready His instruments, He is ripening our power; and at the appointed moment we shall arise equal to our task.

–Dr. J.H Jowett

God is preparing His heroes; and when opportunity comes, He can fit them into their place in a moment and the world will wonder where they come from.

–A.B Simpson

There is a wintertime in God. It is a season of preparation, revelation and direction. It is also the time when the roots grow. God wants to establish the right foundation in you during this season. But there is no harvest now.

–John L. Mason

You're Born An Original, Don't Die A copy

PRESSURE

For we would not, brethren, have you ignorant of our trouble which came to us in Asia, that we were pressed out of measure, above strength, insomuch that we despaired even of life

–Bible

II Corinthians 1:8

When God wants to bring more power into your life, He brings more pressure. He is generating Spiritual force by hard rubbing. Some do not like it and try to run away from the pressure, instead of getting the power and using it to rise above the painful causes.

–A.B. Simpson

It is easy to assume responsibilities under pressure from men rather than by direction from God.

– J. Oswald Sanders

PRIDE

Pride goeth before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall.

Bible

Proverbs 16:18

God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble.

James 4:6

Arrogant pride causes a person to focus on himself. It falsely lifts its victim above others in importance.

–John Lineberry

When pride is present, barriers are erected between brothers in the Lord.

–John Lineberry

The panacea for pride is heartfelt repentance and soul-stirring humility in the fear of the Lord.

– John Lineberry

There is nothing that human pride resents so much as to be rebuked.

–G.B. Duncan

God sends no one away except those who are full of themselves.

–D.L. Moody

The gate of heaven, though it is so wide that the greatest sinner may enter, is nevertheless so low that pride can never pass through it.

–Charles H. Spurgeon

The proud hate pride in others.

– Benjamin Franklin

The man who thinks he is too big for a little place is too little for a big place.

–Anon

PROBLEMS

Although affliction cometh not forth of the dust, neither doth trouble spring out of the ground; Yet man is born unto trouble, as the sparks fly upward.

– Bible

Job 5:6, 7

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, thou wilt revive me: thou shalt stretch forth thine hand against the wrath of mine enemies, and thy right hand shall save me.

Psalms 138:7

It is absence of the knowledge of God that lies at the root of every problem that besets us. It is man's confusion about God's plan that has the world in chaos. It is man's unwillingness to learn and to obey God's Laws that has laid such a heavy burden on our souls.

–Billy Graham

No one is immune to problems. Even the lion has to fight off flies.

–John L. Mason

Problems can produce progress in marriage. It is the difficulties more than the delights which add dimension to marriage. And a willingness to meet difficulties together is a

good sign of growing maturity. Our lives are strengthened together by struggle, by common cooperation and by reaching with joined hands after greater good.

– John M. Drescher

Meditations for the Newly Married

The problems that I face can make me grumble and give up, to be bitter and angry that God doesn't make them go away so that I can somehow be exempt from the trials of life. Or I can choose to search for the good that is hidden in each trial and I

can thank God for every situation.

– **Camille A. Regholec**

“Thankful on the Bad Days”, *Decision*, June 1998.

Successful people don't have fewer problems. They have determined that nothing will stop them from going forward.

– **Dr. Ben Carson.**

Gifted Hands

PROCRASTINATION

And as he reasoned of righteousness, temperance, and judgment to come, Felix trembled, and answered, Go thy way for this time, when I have a convenient season, I will call for thee.

– **Bible**

Acts 24:25.

Procrastination amounts to not working.

–**Shiv Khera**

You Can Win

Not only will procrastination make you inefficient, of course, it will also add considerably to your overall sense of worry, guilt, pressure and low self esteem, so reducing your efficiency even more.

–**Steeve Chalke**

Managing Your Time

When procrastination tries to dominate your day, let small steps dominate your day.

–**John L. Mason**

Procrastination is the grave in which opportunity is buried.

– **John L. Mason**

Duties delayed are the devil's delight.

– **Anon**

You can't build a reputation on what you are going to do.

– **Henry Ford**

A duty dodged is like a debt unpaid; it is only deferred and we must come back and settle the account at last.

– **Joseph Newton.**

He that saith he will be good tomorrow, he saith he will be wicked today.

– **James Janeway**

He who hesitates misses the green light, gets bumped in the rear, and loses his parking space.

– **Herbert Pruchnow**

There are those of us who are always 'about' to live. We're waiting until things change, until there is more time, until we are less tired, until we get a promotion, until we settle down – until, until, until. It always seems that there is some major event that must occur in our lives before we begin living.

– **George Sheeham.**

Many think not of living any holier till they can live no longer.

– **William Secker**

He slept beneath the moon

He basked beneath the sun

He lived a life of going to do

And died with nothing done.

– **James Alberty**

All that is necessary to break the spell of inertia and frustration is this: act as if it were impossible to fail.

– **Dorothea Brand**

When a procrastinator has finally made up his mind, the opportunity has always passed by.

– **John L. Mason**

PROGRESS

Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

–Bible

Philippians 3:13, 14

And the Lord said unto Moses, wherefore criest thou unto me? Speak unto the children of Israel that they go forward.

Exodus 14:15

Progress is moving in the direction of your objective and not in merely gazing at it from a distance.

–C. Jairu Feludu

All progress occur because people dare to be different.

–Anon

The men who build the future are those who know that greater things are yet to come, and that they themselves will help bring them about. Their minds are illumined by the blazing sun of hope. They never stop to doubt. They haven't time.

–Melvin Evans

Everybody is in favour of progress. It's the change they don't like.

–John L. Mason

The best way to better your lot is to do a lot better. Build on the lot in life that you've been given.

–John L. Mason

Progress always involves risk.

–Anon

Stop looking at where you have been and start looking at where you can be.

–Mike Murdock

Man cannot discover new oceans unless he has courage to lose sight of the shore.

–Anonymous

He who does not look ahead remains behind.

–Spanish Proverb.

Never discourage anyone ... who continually makes progress, no matter how slow.

–Plato

The Sophist

Progress is a tide. If we stand still we will surely be drowned. To stay on the crest, we have to keep moving.

–Harold Mayfield

The world is moving so fast these days that the man who says it can't be done is generally interrupted by someone doing it.

–Elbert Hubbard

Even if you're on the right track – you'll get run over if you just sit there.

–Arthur Godfrey

Dare to trust Him; dare to follow Him! And discover that the very forces which barred your progress and threatened your life, at His bidding become the materials of which an avenue is made to liberty.

–F.B. Meyer

It makes progress by having people around me who are smatter than I am – and listening to them. And I assume that everyone is smatter about something than I am.

–Henry Kaiser

Mediocre men wait for opportunities to come to them. Strong, able, alert men go after opportunities.

–B.C. Forbes

Have you come to the Red sea place in your life
Where, in spite of all you can do,
There is no way out, there is no way back,
There is no other way but through?
Then wait on the Lord with a trust serene
Till the night of your fear is gone;
He will send the wind, He will heap the floods,
When He says to your soul, "Go on".

–Annie Johnson Flinit

PROMISES

He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God; And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform.

–Bible

Romans 4:20, 21

Like the promise of summer, God's promises seem to lie just out of reach of the imagination.

–Michael Card

Waiting for summer and longing for its return are not unlike waiting for fulfillment of the promises of God. There are the signs, there is the hope. But there may be little evidence. There may be only the cold winter of waiting in the heart.

–Michael Card.

It is far better to claim a few things specifically than a score vaguely.

–F.B. Meyer

There is hardly any position more utterly beautiful, strong or safe, than to put the finger upon some promise of the Divine Word, and claim it.

–F.B. Meyer

Promises may get friends but 'tis performance that keeps them.

–Benjamin Franklin

Oftentimes it is difficult to see how certain promises of God are to be realized. We have nothing to do with that whatever!

God keeps our hands off His promises quite as surely as He keeps them off His stars. If He will not let us intermeddle with

His planets, He will not ask us to have anything to do with the out working and realization of His promises.

–Dr. Joseph Parker

Standing on the promises that cannot fail,
When howling storms of doubt and fear assail,
By the living Word of God I shall prevail,
Standing on the promises of God.

–R. Kelso Carter

PROSPERITY

Let them shout for joy, and be glad, that favour my righteous cause: yea, let them say continually, let the LORD be magnified, which hath pleasure in the prosperity of his servant.

–Bible

Psalms 35:27.

The prosperity of a country depends,
Not on the abundance of its revenue,
Nor on the strength of its fortifications,
Nor on the beauty of its public buildings;
But it consists in the number of its cultivated citizens,
In its men of education,
Enlightenment and character.

–Martin Luther King Jr.

No race can prosper till it learns there is, as much dignity in tilling a field as in writing a poem.

–Booker T. Washington

Prosperity is a matter of good stewardship. When God gives us riches, it is so that we will be able to meet the needs of others and bring glory to Him.

–Dr. Reginald Klimionok

Overcoming the Giants in Your Land

Never allow yourself to be taken with the poverty spirit which claims that there is glory in being poor. This spirit is devilish and as self-glorifying as the spirit of materialism and greed. God receives no honour in seeing His children poor.

Ibid

Do not preach prosperity as if on it hinges the salvation of men.

Rev. Dr. Ogbonaya Osueke

The Nigeria Evangel, 2004.

Wealth sometimes brings as much care along with it as want does, and more too.

–Matthew Henry

Money, or prosperity, will not cause a person to backslide. Lack of character will. One reason many who prosper backslide is the lack of proper teaching about prosperity.

William F. Hill

What is Holiness?

You cannot serve God and mammon, but you can serve God with mammon.

Ibid

People may say something is built by faith, but unless that faith can be turned into dollars, pesos, shillings, etc the work of God will not go on.

Ibid

A well-focused, clear aim is the shortcut to prosperity.

– David Yonggi Cho

The nuts and bolts behind every fortune are more than just simple motivation. Riches come when desire is coupled with a goal, plan, and lots of hard work.

–George Sterne

Secrets of the Millionaires

If God's law of prosperity is to operate in our lives, we must believe that it is God's will for us to prosper.

–Charles Blair

Surplus wealth is a sacred trust which its possessor is bound to administer in his life for the good of the community.

–Andrew Carnegie.

RAPTURE

In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

Bible

John 14:2, 3

For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

1Thessalonians 4: 16, 17

The time-setters and date-setters have no authority for pointing out the time when Christ will come.

Billy Graham

Decision, February 1989

The Bible indicates that when Christ returns the world will not be looking for him. The nations of the world will still be looking to their own devices and searching for new master plans to save the human race.

Ibid

READING

Till I come, give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine.

–Bible

1 Timothy 4:13

So they read in the book in the law of God distinctly, and gave the sense, and caused them to understand the reading.

Nehemiah 8:8.

Peruse a good book several times and make notes and analysis of it. A student will find that his mental constitution is more affected by one book thoroughly mastered than by twenty books he has merely skimmed. Little learning and much pride come of hasty reading.

– C.H. Spurgeon

Counsel to His Students

Read the best books first, or you may not have a chance to read them all.

–Henry David Thoreau.

We should always aim to read something different – not only the writers with whom we agree, but those with whom we are ready to do battle. And let us not condemn them out of hand because they do not agree with us; their point of view challenges us to examine the truth and to test their views against scripture.

–Muriel Ormrod.

We can afford to read only the best and what will be most helpful to us in the fulfillment of our mission.

–J. Oswald Sanders.

Spiritual Leadership

The vast number of books, both secular and religious, that are pouring from the presses today makes discrimination in reading imperative.

Ibid

In an age in which people have more leisure than ever before in the history of the world, many claim that they have no time to read. That excuse is never valid with a spiritual leader.

Ibid

I divide all readers into two classes: those who read to remember and those who read to forget.

– William Lyon Phillips.

RELIGION

Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world.

–Bible

James 1:27.

Let no man beguile you of your reward in a voluntary humility and worshipping of angels, intruding into those things which he hath not seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind.

Colossians 2:18

Christianity is a serious and demanding religion. When it is delivered as easy and amusing, it is another kind of religion altogether.

–Neil Postman

Amusing Ourselves to Death

The various religions are like the good clothes which are put on the corpse or the formalin injected into it, but all that is produced is a well – dressed corpse. What the dead man needs is not law. He does not need preservative. He does not need good clothes. He needs life.

–Dr. Zacharias Tane Fomum

All religions are not different paths up the same mountain, going to the same goal.

–Casey Treat

No man or no woman comes unto the Father, but by Jesus. Religion has nothing to do with it.

–Casey Treat.

A man has as much religion as he can show in times of trouble. The men who were cast into the fiery furnace came out as they went in – except their bonds.

– Margaret Bottome

There is a great market for religious experience in our world, there is little enthusi-

asm for the patient acquisition of virtue, little inclination to sign up for a long apprenticeship in what earlier generations of Christians called holiness.

–Eugene Peterson

A long Obedience in the Same Direction

A religion that costs nothing is worth nothing.

–J. C. Ryle

REPENTANCE

And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men everywhere to repent.

–Bible

Acts 17:30

Therefore say unto the house of Israel, thus saith the Lord God; Repent, and turn yourselves from your idols, and turn away your faces from all your abominations.

Ezekiel 14:6.

To one who truly repents, sin looks a very different thing from what it does to him who has not repented. Instead of looking like a thing that is desirable or fascinating, it looks the very opposite, most odious and detestable, and he is astonished at himself, that he ever could have desired such a thing.

–Charles G. Finney

Revival Truths

Where repentance is genuine, the disposition to repeat sin is gone. If you have truly repented you do not love sin; you do not now abstain from it through fear, and to avoid punishment, but because you hate it.

Ibid

True repentance means, ‘to go in a new direction’. To be sorry is not enough in repentance. Judas was remorseful and sorry, but he never repented. Even reformation is not enough.

–Billy Graham.

Genuine repentance and faith in the atoning blood of Jesus Christ cancel the penalty of sin against your life.

–W.F. Kumuyi

When you confess your sins to God, believe they are forgiven irrespective of your feeling; then trust Him.

–W.F. Kumuyi

The Church has developed a theology that doesn't require much repentance. We have a theology that is uncomfortable with the very term 'Jesus is Lord'.

–Dr. Paul A. Cedar

Sin and hell are married unless repentance proclaims the divorce.

–C.H. Spurgeon

Holy practice is the most decisive evidence of the reality of our repentance.

–Jonathan Edward

In spite of Satan's work in blinding men's hearts, the Holy Spirit is able to penetrate the darkened mind and call men to repentance.

–Dr. Zacharias Tane Fomum

REPRODUCTION

So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. And God blessed them and God said unto them, be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it .

–Bible

Genesis 1:27, 28

And when Rachel saw that she bare Jacob no children, Rachel envied her sister, and said unto Jacob, Give me children, or else I die.

–Bible

Genesis 30:1

Who of us is mature enough for offspring before the offspring themselves arrive? The value of marriage is not that adults produce children but that children produce adults.

– Peter De Vries

Of all nature's gifts to the human race, what is sweeter to a man than his children?

–Marcus Tullius Cicero

It is horrible to see oneself die without children.

–Napoleon Bonaparte

Life is a wasting thing. Its strength is not the strength of stones. It is a candle that will burn out, if it be not first blown out; and therefore the wise Creator not only made the individuals, but provided for the propagation of the several kinds.

–Matthew Henry

Reproductive health implies that people are able to have responsible, satisfying and safe sex life and that they have the capability to reproduce and the freedom to decide if, when, and how often to do so. Implicit in this last condition are the right of men and women to be informed of and to have access to safe, effective, affordable and acceptable methods of fertility regulation of their choice, and the right of access to appropriate health care services that will enable women to go safely through pregnancy and childbirth and provide couples with the best chances of having a healthy infant.

–WHO

RESPONSIBILITY

Then Mordecai commanded to answer Esther, think not with thyself that thou shalt escape in the king's house, more than all the Jews. For if thou altogether holdest thy peace at this time then shall there enlargement and deliverance arise to the Jews from another place; but thou and thy father's house shall be destroyed: and who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?

–Bible

Esther 4:13, 14

Responsibilities gravitate to the person who can shoulder them.

–Elbert Hubbard.

The price of greatness is responsibility.

–Winston Churchill.

When people accept additional responsibility they are actually giving themselves a promotion.

–Shiv Khera

You Can Win

Most people are quick to take credit for what goes right but very few would accept responsibility when things go wrong.

Ibid

When a citizen gives his vote to a man of known immorality, he abuses his civil responsibility; he sacrifices not only his interest but that of his neighbor; he betrays the interest of his country.

–Noah Webster

You cannot escape the responsibility of tomorrow by evading it today.

–Abraham Lincoln

Responsibility brings accountability

–Ken Robins

It is our responsibility to help people find the way that leads to life. And, even more than that, we are accountable for it.

–Casey Treat

My dear friends, you may take it as a rule that the spirit of God does not usually do for us what we can do for ourselves.

–C.H. Spurgeon

We are morally responsible to God because we are made in the image of a moral Deity.

–E.H. Andrews

It is easy to dodge our responsibilities, but we cannot dodge the consequences of dodging our responsibilities.

–Sir Josiah Stamp

You should discipline your children. You should teach them responsibility.

–Dr. Benjamin Spock

I believe God will hold us accountable for our lack of Christian responsibility for not voting into office those who share our moral values.

– Tim Lahaye

The responsibility for training and discipline is given to fathers.

–Tim Lahaye

Don't expect society to teach your children not to drink alcohol. You, as Christian parents must take a firm stand against it and follow through with strict punishment if your child disobeys. Set the standard and enforce it with your teenagers.

–Tim Lahaye

Masters of families must not only pray for daily bread for their families, and food convenient, but must layout themselves with care and industry to provide it.

–Matthew Henry

REST

And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made.

–Bible

Genesis 2:2

For thus saith the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel; In returning and rest shall ye be saved; in quietness and in confidence shall be your strength and ye would not.

Isaiah 30:15

Fatigue is not conducive to doing your best work. Don't reduce your energy level so low that you drain your battery. The activity level of the nervous system is raised when the body recharges itself with rest.

–W. Clement Stone

The Success System that Never Fails

Rest is not a hallowed feeling that comes over us in Church; it is the repose of a heart set deep in God.

–Henry Drummond

Timely rest restores your energies and maintains your abilities, so that you can function at full capacity. On the other hand, being pulled in too many directions drains your joy and causes you to give less than your best.

–Bob Gass

When we are worn-out or exhausted, or at the end of our physical resources, Satan tries to persuade us that we have a spiritual problem. In reality our problem may be a physical one. And maybe like Elijah, we need to get some rest.

–Ruth Bell Graham

Decision, June 2002

RESTITUTION

And Zacchaeus stood, and said unto the Lord; Behold Lord, the half of my good I give to the poor; and if I have taken any thing from any man by false accusation, I restore him fourfold.

–Bible

Luke 19:8

Even though it is not always possible to make restitution we must be willing to do so if we are able to do so. Make a decision never to rationalize. Doing so is incompatible with moral excellence.

–Selwyn Hughes

A religion that compels a man to pay his debts, take back the things he has stolen, confess his lies, and uncover his crimes has credibility.

– Lonzie Cunningham

There is no true peace for he who would not retribute; for at the unexpected moment, he is reminded of what he would not retribute and the heart burns.

–C. Jairu Feludu

The deprivation, injury and pain suffered by those directly or indirectly wronged are reasons enough for restitution.

–C. Jairu Feludu

RETRIBUTION

Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.

–Bible

Galatians 6:7

The soul that sinneth, it shall die. The son shall not bear the iniquity of the father, neither shall the father bear the iniquity of the son: the righteousness of the righteous shall be upon him, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon him.

Ezekiel 18:20

Retribution for loose living does not always come in this life, but it surely comes.

–Marie Correlli

Let the punishment be equal with the offence.

–Marcus Tullius Cicero

De Legibus

Punishment is lame, but it comes.

–George Herbert

Jacula Prudentum

As the poorest of the oppressed are not below God's cognizance, so the highest and greatest of their oppressors are not above his check, but he will surely visit for these things.

–Matthew Henry

Every unpunished delinquency has a family of delinquencies.

–Herbert Spencer

The imperfection of justice in this life is the strongest proof that in the next world justice and vengeance will be fulfilled to the utmost.

–David Augsburger

REVIEW

And God saw every thing that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

–Bible

Genesis 1:31

If things are not going well with you, begin your effort at correcting the situation by carefully examining the service you are rendering and especially the spirit in which you are rendering it.

–Roger Babson

If you do not stand out in a group, if there is not something unique or different in your life, you should re-evaluate your self.

–John L. Mason

An Enemy Called Average

There are people whose lives are waiting to be affected by what God has placed within you. So evaluate yourself. Define and refine your gifts, talents, and strengths. Choose today to look for opportunities to exercise your unique, God-endowed, God-ordained gifts and calling.

Ibid

REVIVAL

Wilt thou not revive us again: that thy people may rejoice in thee? Shew us thy

mercy, O LORD, and grant us thy salvation.

–Bible

Psalms 85:6, 7

And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness.

Acts 4:31

I saw revival in Korea. I saw more than 25,000 persons profess to accept Christ as saviour within six weeks. I saw more than 4,000 persons daily at 5 am prayer meetings. I saw hundreds continue all night in prayer for days on end. I saw crowds up to 75,000 come together to hear the gospel.

– Bob Finley, on the 1950 Korea revival.

The revival which ought to come is a revival that will make the preachers weep in their pulpits. Lord let it come. Let it strike Ireland, though it blow the French and classic music out of our choirs and the feathers out of our bonnets. Let us cry to God night and day for this.

–W.P Nicholson

Sometimes I would find myself, in a great measure empty of this power. I would go out and visit, and find that I had made no saving impression. I would exhort and pray with the same result. I would then set apart for private fasting and prayer, fearing that this power had departed from me, and enquire anxiously after the reason for this apparent emptiness. After humbling myself and crying out for help, the power would return upon me with all its freshness. This has been the experience of my life.

–Charles Grandison Finney

Charles G. Finney was probably the greatest revivalist since the days of the apostles. His sermons were largely on sin and its consequences. He appealed to the conscience through the Word of God. Hence, his converts stood.

–Oswald J. Smith

The Enduement of Power

REWARD

For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works.

–Bible

Matthew 16:27

The hope of reward sweetens labour.

–Anon

No rest is worth having, unless it follows work.

–Anon

Reward those who help you succeed.

–Mike Murdock

The joy of accomplishment is a great reward for work.

–C. Jairu Feludu

RIGHTEOUSNESS

And it shall be our righteousness, if we observe to do all these commandments before the LORD our God, as he hath commanded us.

–Bible

Deuteronomy 6:25

And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith.

Philippians 3:9

Nothing can damn a man but his own righteousness; nothing can save him but the righteousness of Christ.

–C.H. Spurgeon

God has no different standards of righteousness, being in Christ is the basis of

righteousness and continuing in right doing guarantees security in righteousness.
–C. Jairo Feludu

SADNESS

Sorrow is better than laughter; for by the sadness of the countenance the heart is made better.

–Bible

Ecclesiastes 7:3

And Joseph came unto them in the morning, and looked upon them and, behold, they were sad. And he asked Pharaoh's officers that were with him in the ward of his Lord's house, saying, wherefore look ye so sadly to day? And they said unto him, we have dreamed a dream, and there is no interpreter of it. And Joseph said unto them, Do not interpretations belong to God? Tell me them, I pray you.

– Bible

Genesis 40:6–8

A moment of time may make us unhappy for ever.

– Anon

It is sadness enough to have been once happy.

–Anon

All love ends in sadness because death leaves one lover alone.

–Anon

Believe me, every man has his secret sorrows, which the world knows not; and oftentimes we call a man cold when he is only sad.

–Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

Hyperion

Sorrow concealed, like an oven stopped,
Doth burn the heart to cinders where it is.

–William Shakespeare

Titus Andronicus

SALVATION

For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.

Bible

Ephesians 2:8, 9

For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

Romans 10:10

The Bible teaches that when a person comes to Christ, a change takes place that is reflected in everything he does.

–Billy Graham

There are probably more unsaved church people than we can begin to imagine.

–Gary Labro

People come to me and object because I declare that God can save a man at once. They tell me he must be saved gradually. A little at a time a man is brought into grace. This is nonsense.

–D.L. Moody

I submit to you, that to wait until the day of resurrection to find out whether or not we are saved, is a very risky business at the least. We can know!

– William F. Hill

What is Holiness?

The salvation of a single soul is more important than the production or preservation of all the epics and tragedies in the world.

–C.S. Lewis

Do we so appreciate the marvelous salvation of Jesus Christ that we are our utmost for His highest?

–Oswald Chambers

My Utmost for His Highest

When a person is saved, there is evidence of salvation. If someone says, "I'm saved", but they continue to lie, steal, and live immorally, it is quite evident they are not saved. If you are saved, your behaviour changes as evidence that something changed on the inside – in the heart.

–Joe Bishop

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When a sinner wants to be saved you do not tell him to get down and start working by confessing his sins. You simply point him to the Lord Jesus Christ. All that a sinner has to confess is that he is a sinner and that he needs salvation.

–Oswald J. Smith

The Enduement of Power

SANCTIFICATION

For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication. That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honour; Not in the lust of concupiscence, even as the Gentiles which know not God. That no man go beyond and defraud his brother in any matter: because that the Lord is the avenger of all such, as we also have forewarned you and testified. For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness.

–Bible

1 Thessalonians 4:3–7

Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.

John 17:17

We speak about testifying to the experience of sanctification; what we really testify to is not an experience of sanctification but to a revelation granted us by God of what sanctification is:

the experience of sanctification is the rest of life from that moment.

–Oswald Chambers

Sanctification gives you inner victory and freedom.

–W.F. Kumuyi

Sanctification: The Christian Experience

You can be totally conformed to the image of Christ. It does not mean perfection in the head but perfection in the heart.

–W.F. Kumuyi

Ibid

The whole design of God was to restore man to His image, and raise him from the ruins of his fall, in a word, to make him perfect, to blot out all his sins, purify his soul, and fill him with holiness, so that no unholy temper, evil desire or impure affection or passion shall either lodge or have any being with him.

–Dr. Adam Clarke

If there is an Enemy of souls (and I have not the slightest doubt that there is), one thing he cannot abide is the desire for purity. Hence a man's or a woman's passions become his battle ground. The lover of Souls does not prevent this. I was perplexed because it seemed to me He should prevent it, but He doesn't. He wants us to learn to use our weapons.

–Elisabeth Elliot

Passion and Purity

The Word of God is for our practical sanctification. This is the agency that the Holy Spirit uses in conforming us to Christ.

–H.A. Ironside

Deeper Life in the Spirit

He who has already been sanctified by the blood of Christ, set apart to God in all the value of Christ's finished work, is now called upon to walk in holiness of life, a life of practical sanctification, daily being separated more and more from the things that defile, the things that are unclean, the things that are contrary to the mind of God. And this practical aspect of sanctification is by the Word of God.

Ibid

Sanctification is the real change in man from the sordidness of sin to the purity of

God's image.
–William Ames

Without sanctification and righteousness, your whole Christian faith loses its foundation.

Dr. Yonggi Cho
Key to Church Growth Revival

The tongues are no assurance of power. The sanctification is the source of power.
Ibid

SCARS

But Thomas, one of the twelve, called Didymus, was not with them when Jesus came. The other disciples therefore said unto him, we have seen the Lord. But he said unto them, except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my fingers into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into his side, I will not believe.

–Bible
John 20:24, 25

From henceforth let no man trouble me: for I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus.
Galatians 6:17

Scars are the authentic marks of faithful discipleship and true spiritual leadership.
–J. Oswald Sanders
Spiritual Leadership

God will not look you over for medals, degrees or diplomas, but for scars.
–Anon

What nobler decoration of honor can any godly man seek after than his scars of service, his losses for the crown, his reproaches for Christ's sake, his being worn out in his Master's service!
–Anon

Champions are rarely chosen from the ranks of the unscarred.

–Mike Murdock

It is better to wear out than to rust out.

–Henry F. Lyte

Scars are the price of scepters. Our crowns will be wrested from the giants we conquer. Grief has always been the lot of greatness. It is an open secret.

–Anon

SCRIPTURES

All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

–Bible

II Timothy 3:16, 17

The entrance of thy words giveth light, it giveth understanding unto the simple

Psalms 119:130

I have always said, and always will say, that the studious perusal of the sacred volume will make better citizens, better fathers, and better husbands.

– Thomas Jefferson

The Bible is God's blueprint for mankind. It defines His purpose for creating, as well as His covenant to bless us.

–Mike Murdock

The scriptures were given not to increase our knowledge, but to change our lives.

–D.L. Moody

The laying up of God's oracles in our hearts will be of excellent use to us in all our conduct.

–Matthew Henry

All the knowledge from all other books is only profitable till death; the knowledge received from the Bible is profitable in life, at death, after death, for all eternity.

–W. F. Kumuyi [Message at celebration of 400 years of the King James Version of the Bible, 2011, UK.]

SEPARATION

Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? And what communion hath light with darkness ... wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you and will be a father unto you and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.

–Bible

II Corinthians 6:14, 17, 18

The Lord wants His people to keep themselves separated from the filth of this world at all cost.

–Henry G. Bosch

When we think of sanctification, we think of separation, and we are called to that, to be a people set apart to God.

–H.A. Ironside

Deeper Life in the Spirit

SEX

So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth....And Adam knew Eve his wife; and she conceived, and bare

Cain, and said, I have gotten a man from the LORD.

–Bible

Genesis 1:27, 28, 4:1

Thou shalt not commit adultery

Exodus 20:14

Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body.

1 Corinthians 6:18

And Dinah the daughter of Leah, which she bare unto Jacob, went out to see the daughters of the land. And when Shechem the son of Hamor the Hivite, prince of the country, saw her, he took her and lay with her, and defiled her And the sons of Jacob came out of the field when they heard it: and the men were grieved, and they were wroth, because he had wrought folly in Israel in lying with Jacob's daughter; which thing ought not to be done.

Genesis 34:1, 2, 7

Certainly there is nothing wrong with sex. It is the fabulous gift of God, ordained for the propagation of the race, marital pleasure, and the expression of that kind of love between man and wife which nourishes true oneness.

–J. Allan Peterson

Sex destroys when it operates outside the plan of marriage, while sex relationships practiced within this plan make life rich and complete.

–J. Allan Peterson

God protects love by confining sex to marriage, for marriage provides love its best opportunity to develop and mature.

–J. Allan Peterson

All healthy men, ancient and modern, Eastern and Western, know that there is a certain fury in sex that we cannot afford to inflame, and that a certain mystery and awe must ever surround it if we are to remain sane.

–G.K. Chesterton

Sex without love is a dead end.

–Fred Catherwood

Whereas the charge leveled at the Victorians was ‘love without sex’, today it is ‘sex without love’.

–David Watson

I lose my respect for the man who can make the mystery of sex the subject of a coarse joke, yet, when you speak earnestly and seriously on the subject, is silent.

– Henry David Thoreau

There are those who after they have committed an act of immorality begin to rationalize their deed. When the first pangs of remorse are over, they may begin to feel that what they have done is not so bad; such a state of mind often results in another moral lapse.

–Gordon Lindsay

The Charismatic Ministry

Within the realm of sexual behaviour alone we have; adultery, bestiality, exhibitionism, fetishism, fornication, homosexuality to mention but a few. It is sad to see these sins increasing in our society today as restraints are discarded and more and more publicity is being given to them.

–Ron Smith

Christian Counselling

One is neither a fornicator nor a homosexual constitutionally. One becomes a fornicator or a homosexual by letting the thought become an act.

Ibid

Anyone who indulges in sexual fantasies long enough will eventually act it out. Infidelity damages a marriage more quickly and more completely than any other sin.

–Tim Lahaye

Sadness and heartache always result when anyone disobeys God’s commands regarding sexual purity.

–Tim Lahaye

We are living in the most sex – crazed age in the history of the entire world. Things are taking place today that never took place in Sodom and Gomorrah.

–Billy Graham

The initiation of sexual intercourse early in life is associated with an increased number of sex partners and a greater risk for sexually transmitted disease.

–Centers for Disease Control

Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, January 4 1991, vol. 39

Increased promiscuity, increased pregnancy rate and increased rate of sexually transmitted disease correlate directly with the amount of money spent on the traditional sex education programs nationwide. The more money that has been poured into these programs the more sexual activity, pregnancy, abortions, STDS, there are. The dominant sex education of the past fifteen years, which says be abstinent if you can but if you have sex use a condom , has not dramatically decreased sexual activity and its problems, and there is some evidence it has increased the problem.

–Joe S. McIlhane Jr. M.D.

Instead of teaching children how to use condoms to enjoy sex, they should be taught total abstinence...the use of condoms has greatly encouraged immorality.

–Dr. Amobi Ilika, Commissioner of Health, Anambra state, Nigeria.

Promotion of public morality is very essential to the survival of any society. See how liberalism has ruined the West.

–Sonnie Ekwowusi

Thisday Newspaper, 7th May 2008

SICKNESS

Is any sick among you? Let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.

–Bible

James 5:14, 15

And Jesus answering said unto them, They that are whole need not a physician; but

they that are sick.

Luke 5:31

Sickness refers to an organic state. It is a succession of effects resulting in the final destruction of physical life. The devil is the one behind the sickness and provides the destructive energy of the sickness. His work is to rob, kill and destroy. Consequently, if the devil departs from the sickness, the germs will decompose and disappear. There will be no one to feed the sickness or cause it to spread.

–David Yonggi Cho

Salvation, Health & Prosperity

Sickness came into the world when man was delivered into the hand of Satan, being cursed by the law for his sin. Today God passes judgment on the bodies of men who commit sin. Man

is delivered into the hand of the devil and comes under the curse of sickness.

Ibid

Today, we should not seek treatment of sickness only for our physical needs. When we seek the *source* of the sickness and treat it, we can be treated more quickly and more perfectly.

Ibid

The most tragic thing in the world is a sick doctor.

–George Bernard Shaw

The Doctor's Dilemma

SIN

He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.

– Bible

1 John 3:8

If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble

themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

II Chronicles 7:14

Sin is a monarch ruling on the outside, demanding obedience on the inside.

–Oswald Chambers

Is sin so luscious that you will burn in hell forever for it?

–C.H. Spurgeon

Frequent contemplation on the holiness of God and His constant hatred of sin is a strong deterrent against trifling with sin.

–Jerry Bridges

Pursuit of Holiness

...after many thousands of years of so-called human progress, education, science and culture, we are amazed to discover that man is capable of the same old vices and sins.

–Billy Graham

Sin is the root of sorrow.

–Anon

Every sin brings its own punishment

–Anon

Sin is two-fold. We inherited sin from our forefather – Adam and later began to sin because we had a sinful nature.

–W.F. Kumuyi

Sanctification: A Christian Experience

Every power of the mind revolts at sin. Man has pleasure in them that commit iniquity, only when he has some selfish reason for wishing them to commit it. No rational being approves of sin, as sin.

–Charles G. Finney

True Submission

If you allow yourselves in any sins secretly, without having any human being know it, know that God sees it, and that He has already written down your name, hypocrite.

Ibid

All sin consists, and must consist in selfishness, or in the choice of self-gratification as a final end.

Ibid

Sin is like the tse-tse fly, spreading disease that creates spiritual sleep.

–Mr. DeHaan, M.D

If each sinner had a sin factory inside him that was permanently out of action and therefore produced no sins, the situation would be slightly different. There would arise the temptation to think that the sin factory is absent. The truth, however, is that the factory of sin in man is working full-time, even though the productivity may vary from person to person.

–Dr. Zacharias Tanee Fomum

The Way of Life

Sin is the ruin and misery of the soul, it is destructive in its nature; and if God should leave it without restraint, there would need nothing else to make the soul perfectly miserable.

–Jonathan Edwards

Sinners in The Hands of An Angry God

Our sense of sin is in proportion to our nearness to God

–Thomas Bernard

Revival Truths

SINGING

At midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God; and the prisoners heard them.

–Bible

Acts 16:25

I will sing unto the LORD as long as I live: I will sing praise to my God while I have my being.

Psalms 104:33

Let us sing even when we do not feel like it, for thus we may give wings to leaden feet and turn weariness into strength.

–J.H. Jowett

If you sing in a choir, the question is not just if you're on your note, it's why you are singing at all.

–Jim Cymbala

We can sing our cares away easier than we can reason them away.

–Anon

Oh, let us rejoice in the Lord, evermore, when darts of the tempter are flying, for Satan still dreads, as he oft did of yore,
our singing much more than our sighing.

–Anon

The singing of God's praise is the part of worship most closely related to heaven; but its performance among us is the worst on earth.

–Isaac Watts

Singing does at least as much as preaching to impress the Word of God upon people's minds. Ever since God first called me, the importance of praise expressed in song has grown upon me.

–D.L. Moody

I wish to compose sacred hymns so that the Word of God may dwell among the people also by means of songs.

– Martin Luther

SORROW

Wherefore the king said unto me, why is thy countenance sad, seeing thou art not sick? This is nothing else but sorrow of heart.

–Bible

Nehemiah 2:2a

For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of; but the sorrow of the world worketh death.

II Corinthians 7:10

Earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot heal.

–Thomas Moore

A great sorrow will drive away a lesser one.

– Anon

Sorrow commonly comes on horseback but goes away on foot.

–Thomas Adams

Godly sorrow is better than worldly joy.

–Anon

The finest flowers are often found growing in the soil of sorrow.

–G.B. Duncan

Even the secret sorrows of God's people are known to him.

–Matthew Henry

The busy bee has no time for sorrow.

– William Blake

Sorrows are visitors that come without invitation.

–C.H. Spurgeon

John Ploughman

SPEAKING

Hear; for I will speak of excellent things; and the opening of my lips shall be right things. For my mouth shall speak truth; and wickedness is an abomination to my lips.

–**Bible**

Proverbs 8:6, 7

A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver.

Proverbs 25:11

Speak clearly, if you speak at all; carve every word before you let it fall.

–**Oliver Wendel Holmes**

There is no other accomplishment which any man can have that will so quickly make for him a career and secure recognition as the ability to speak acceptably.

–**C.M. Depew**

The object of oratory is not truth but persuasion.

–**Niccolo Machiavelli**

Men of few words are the best men.

–**William Shakespeare**

The fewer the words, the fewer the mistakes.

–**Anon**

The thoughtless are rarely wordless.

–**Anon**

There is many a home intact today because some things which were felt were never spoken.

–**John C. Wynn**

Use your words to build confidence in others. Refuse to slander another.

–Mike Murdock

The only time people dislike gossip is when you gossip about them.

–Will Rogers

Brevity is the best recommendation of speech, whether in a senator or an orator.

–Cicero

It is bad to think ill, but it is worse to speak it.

–Matthew Henry

Whatever moves the heart wags the tongues.

–C.T. Studd

Debater or salesman, you must think logically and be sensitive to every statement that you can turn to your advantage. You must be persuasive to win.

–W. Clement Stone.

The Success System that Never Fails

STRESS

And Moses' father in law said unto him, the thing that thou doest is not good. Thou wilt surely wear away, both thou, and this people that is with thee: for this thing is too heavy for thee; thou art not able to perform it thyself alone.

–Bible

Exodus 18:17, 18

Stress is caused by excess pressure, but pressure and stress are not the same.

–Steve Chalke

Everyone's stress threshold is unique. What is easy to handle for one person can prove to be a real stress – inducer for someone else. And to make things even more complicated, your stress threshold isn't static either. What is easy to cope with one day can cause tremendous stress on another. It all depends on a host of interlocking factors.

–Steve Chalke

Men do not die of disease but of internal combustion.

–William Muldoon

Performance drives us to stressful schedules, sacrifices, and compromises. Our worth becomes identified with our work, and no spot on the mountain is enough. Even the top is

unsatisfying, as Alexander the Great discovered when he wept because there were no more worlds to conquer.

–Ron Hutchcraft

SUCCESS

This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein; for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.

–Bible

Joshua 1:8

Success is the progressive realization of a worthy goal.

–Earl Nightingale

It takes time to succeed because success is merely the natural reward of taking time to do anything well.

–Joseph Ross

Try not to be a man of success but rather try to be a man of value.

–Albert Einstein

Success can go to my head, and will unless I remember that it is God who accomplishes the work, that He can continue to do so without my help, and that He will be able to make out with other means whenever He cuts me down to size.

–C.H. Spurgeon

I would rather fail in a cause that will ultimately succeed than succeed in a cause that would ultimately fail.

– Woodrow Wilson

Service is the cornerstone of all successful social life and the multiplier in all business success.

–George Sterne

Success seems to be connected with action. Successful people keep moving. They make mistakes, but they don't quit.

–Conrad Hilton

One of the most common mistakes and one of the costliest is thinking that success is due to some genius, some magic, something or other which we do not possess.

–Maltbie D. Babcock

As much as I want to become a successful minister, to that same extent I want to make the people of my congregation successful.

–David Yonggi Cho

Success and happiness go hand in hand; success is getting what you want and happiness is wanting what you get.

–Anon

Never make your last attempt until you've succeeded.

–Dr. Edward Kramer

I have learned that success is to be measured not so much by the position that one has reached in life as by the obstacles which one has overcome while trying to succeed.

–Booker T. Washington

Every man who is happy at home is a successful man, even if he has failed in everything else.

–William Lyon Phelps

SUFFERING

For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

–Bible

Romans 8:18

Remember that Jesus Christ of the seed of David was raised from the dead according to my gospel. Wherein I suffer trouble as an evil doer, even unto bonds; but the word of God is not bound...If we suffer, we shall also reign with him. If we deny him, he also will deny us.

II Timothy 2:8, 9, 12

The fact of suffering undoubtedly constitutes the single greatest challenge to the Christian faith.

–John Scott

Good men are often great sufferers,

–William S. Plumer

There are no gains without pains.

–J.C. Rice

The real problem is not why some pious, humble, believing people suffer, but why some do not.

–C.S. Lewis

We can sometimes see more through a tear than through a telescope.

–Anon

This generation is grievously suffering from diseases of degeneration such as heart trouble, high blood pressure and various forms of nervous difficulties. It seems that everywhere life is unsatisfactory for multitudes of people due to sickness, the stress of nervous tension, and the tragedy of divided personalities.

–Norman Vincent Peale

Calvary is God's great proof that suffering in the will of God always leads to glory.

–Warren Wiersbe

SUPERSTITION

Now the spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; ... But refuse profane and old wives' fables, and exercise thyself rather unto godliness.

– Bible

1 Timothy 4:1, 7

It is a duty to weed out every root of superstition, which is ever on your heels urging you on, following you at every turn. It is with you when you consult an astrologer or a soothsayer.

–Cicero

Men are sometimes masters of their fates; the fault, dear Brutus, is not in our stars. But in ourselves...

– William Shakespeare

Julius Caesar

TALENT

And unto one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one; to every man according to his several ability, and straightway took his journey.

–Bible

Matthew 25:15

Having therefore gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophesy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith; or ministry, let us wait on our ministering; or he that teacheth, on teaching.

Romans 12:6, 7

Our first step in predicting our future is to know our gifts and talents.

–Casey Treat

We spend our whole life frustrated because we are trying to do something that we are not talented or gifted to do.

–Casey Treat

One well – cultivated talent, deepened and enlarged, is worth 100 shallow faculties.

–William Matthews

No two persons are born exactly alike, but each differs from the other in natural endowment: one being suited for one occupation and the other for another. All things will be produced in superior quantity and quality and with greater ease, when each man works at a single occupation in accordance with his natural gifts.

–Plato

The diamonds are deep in the earth. Pearls are concealed in oysters. The gold has to be carefully mined. Your real talent dwells deep down within you, and you may not have discovered it yet.

–Robert H. Schuller

Tough Times Never Last But Tough People Do

The prosperity that God ordained for you is tied to your discovering, developing and

utilizing your talent.

–Rev. William Okoye

You Are Created for a Higher Purpose

Whatever talents we have, we must make sure we do not fritter them away, but we must cultivate them and use them to the optimum not only for ourselves, but for others.

–Folake Solanke, *The Guardian*, September 14, 1996.

TEACHING

And it came to pass, when Jesus had ended these sayings, the people were astonished at his doctrine. For he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.

–Bible

Matthew 7:28, 29

And though the Lord give you the bread of adversity, and the water of affliction, yet shall not thy teachers be removed into a corner any more, but thine eyes shall see thy teachers.

Isaiah 30:20

The subject matter of Jesus' teaching was largely abstract; it was spiritual. Therefore it was necessary to relate it to His pupils in terms of the concrete.

–Valerie Wilson

Introduction to Biblical Christian Education

Let such teach others who themselves excel, and censure freely who have written well.

–Alexander Pope

Essay on Criticism

The more you glean from studying the Word, the better prepared you will be to stand before your class to instruct them in spiritual truths.

–Arthur Meacham

You should adapt your illustrations to the environment of your students. Your method should be the same one Jesus used – working from the known to the unknown.

–Arthur Meacham

A teacher affects eternity; he can never tell where his influence stops.

– Henry Adams

The Education of Henry Adams

The man who can make hard things easy is the educator.

–Ralph Waldo Emerson

Journals, 1861

Teachers form the cornerstone of the educational system. If we want more commitment from them, we should improve their welfare package.

–Gamaliel O. Onosode

Speech, 2004

TELEVISION

I will walk within my house with a perfect heart. I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes. I hate the work of them that turn aside; it shall not cleave to me.

– Bible

Psalms 101:2b, 3

Abstain from all appearance of evil

1 Thessalonians 5:22

All television is educational television. The only question is, what is it teaching?

–Nicholas Johnson

If you have half a mind to turn on television, it is all you will need for many programmes.

–M.R. De Haan

TV, while bringing in lots of useful information, has also made an outstanding contribution to degrading our tastes, corrupting our morals, and increasing juvenile delinquency. That is a pretty high price for so-called free speech or free television.

–Shiv Khera

You Can Win

What bothers me about TV is that it tends to take our minds off our minds.

–Robert Orben

Those who watch television become intimate with whores, homosexuals, and witches. They invite them into their home everyday through TV.

–William F. Hill

What Is Holiness?

So-called Christian TV is worldly and glamorous and its ‘gospel stars’ are a far cry from the walk of sacrifice, humility and dedication God calls us to follow. Most preaching on TV is designed not to offend anyone who might be thinking of sending an offering.

Ibid

You will never realize how wicked TV is or how great a hold it has on you until you get rid of it.

Ibid

Today’s society is not kind to the younger generation. The media presents sin as something glamorous, not evil. Youths become confused as they face the many pressures of life.

–Linda Massey Weddle

Television is an invention that permits you to be entertained in your living room by people you wouldn’t have in your home.

–David Frost

David Frost Revue, CBS TV, 1971

It is with a feeling of humbleness that I come to this moment of announcing the birth in this country of a new art so important in its implications that it is bound to affect all society. It is an art which shines like a torch of hope in the troubled world. It is a creative force which we must learn to utilize for the benefit of all mankind.

This miracle of engineering skill which one day will bring the world to the home also brings a new American industry to serve man's material welfare...

–David Sarnoff, regarded as father of broadcasting, was CEO of Radio Corp of America (RCA) and was instrumental in creating both radio and television, as we know them today. He made the above statement before his crowd of curious viewers in 1939.

(Quoted in *TIME*, December 7, 1998)

Television is the strongest drug we've ever had to dish out.

–Leo Burnett, a guru in advertising

Ibid

TEMPTATION

For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.

–Bible

Hebrews 4:15

And they on the rock are they, which, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, which for a while believe, and in time of temptation fall away.

Luke 8:13

Temptation does not cease when we receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our personal Saviour. Temptation does not lessen when we serve him and give our lives to him. When we try to let the principles of Jesus Christ rule in our business lives, Satan never relaxes his efforts.

–J.H. Linton

Enduring Temptation

No degree of temptation justifies any degree of sin.

–Nathaniel Parker Wallis

Satan, like a fisher, baits his hook according to the appetite of the fish.

–Thomas Adams

Jesus was tempted not because he was bad, but because he was important.

–G.B. Duncan

Nothing is so conducive to real humility as temptation. It teaches us how weak we are.

–Donald McDonald

Although the fact of temptation is an undeniable one yet the believer who chooses to be an overcomer can be victorious in the midst of fierce temptations.

–W.F. Kumuyi

The Overcomer

It is our great task to use all diligence so that we do not fall into temptation.

–John Owen

Those who have no better defense than the love of honor are inadequately equipped to deal with temptation.

–John Owen

Anyone who seeks the help of Christ in time of temptation will not neglect Christ's word.

–John Owen

Yield not to temptation,
For yielding is sin;
Each victory will help you
Some other to win;
Fight manfully onward,
Dark passions subdue;
Look ever to Jesus;
He'll carry you through.

–H.R. Palmer, 1897

TESTING

And it came to pass after these things, that God did tempt (test) Abraham, and said unto him, Abraham: and he said, Behold, here I am. And he said, Take now thy son,

thine only son Isaac, whom thou lovest, and get thee into the land of Moriah; and offer him there for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of.

–Bible

Genesis 22:1, 2

The tests of life are to make, not break us. Trouble may demolish a man's business but build his character.

–Maltbie D. Babcock

God allows us to go through certain tests so that our faith can grow stronger. Great faith is the result of severe testing. It is not easy to pass the test of faith.

–David Yonggi Cho

When our faith is being tested, circumstances become very unfavourable toward us. A strong wind brings waves of despair and difficulty. Being tested tires us.

–David Yonggi Cho

At the point when the test of our faith is at its peak, Jesus comes to us.

–David Yonggi Cho

Difficulties and obstacles are God's challenges to faith. When hindrances confront us in the path of duty, we are to recognize them as vessels for faith to fill with the fullness and all-sufficiency of Jesus; and as we go forward, simply and fully trusting Him, we may be tested, we may have to wait and let patience have her perfect work; but we shall surely find at last the stone rolled away and the Lord waiting to render unto us double for our time of testing.

–A.B. Simpson

There are times when your faith is passing through a bit of fire; it's being checked out to know what sort it is. Your faith is being tested to see whether it will carry a higher level of responsibility. You don't jump from class one to class six in God's School; you pass through all the stages. And let me say this: nobody ever cheats with God. That is why if in the process of passing you through the fire you crack, they put you aside, if you are unwilling to go on; because you are a pot that has a mind.

– Barr. Emeka Nwamkpa

“*In His Company in Storms*”, a message at the University of Lagos to the passing out student members of the Lagos Varsity Christian Union (LVCU), 1983

THANKSGIVING

O Give thanks unto the LORD; call upon his name: make known his deeds among the people.

– Bible

Psalms 105:1

Praise ye the LORD. O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever.

Psalms 106:1

Basically, thanksgiving is the act of expressing specific gratitude to God for blessings He has bestowed upon us. These expressions may be mental or vocal.

–Dick Eastman

Be thankful for something or you will grumble about everything and everybody.

–C. Jaiuru Feludu

A thankful heart is not only the greatest virtue, but the parent of all other virtues.

–Cecero

THINKING

For if a man think himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceiveth himself.

–Bible

Galatians 6:3

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than

your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Isaiah 55:8, 9

The spiritual battle, the loss of victory, is always in the thought – world.

–Francis Schaeffer

Think first – then speak.

–Anon

Think all you speak but speak not all you think.

–Patrick Delaney

Some people never stop to think others never think to stop.

–Anon

At every point right living begins with right thinking.

–Bruse J. Milne

The thoughts you think and the things you do now will determine your future destination.

–W. Clement Stone

–The Success System that Never Fails

A man is what he thinks about all day long.

– Ralph Waldo Emerson

God will not live in the parlour of our hearts if we entertain the devil in the cellar of our thoughts.

–C.H. Spurgeon

Thoughts are the seeds of actions.

–Richard Sibbes

TIME

To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven.

–Bible

Ecclesiastes 3:1

Time is not a commodity that can be stored for future use. It must be invested hour by hour, or else it is gone forever.

–Thomas Edison

Time is the deposit each one has in the bank of God and no one knows the balance.

–Ralph W. Sockman

I do not have time to be in a hurry.

– John Wesley

Time is one of the most important ingredients in every successful formula for any human activity. Save time. Invest it wisely.

–W. Clement Stone

The Success System that Never Fails

Great men never complain about the lack of time. Alexander the Great and John Wesley accomplished everything they did in twenty-four hour days.

–Fred Smith

Spend your time in nothing which you know must be repented of; in nothing on which you might not pray for the blessing of God; in nothing which you could not review with a quiet conscience on your dying bed; in nothing which you might not safely and properly be found doing if death should surprise you in the act.

–Richard Baxter

Do not squander time, for it is the stuff of which life is made.

–Benjamin Franklin

Time allows no balances, no overdrafts. If we fail to use each day's deposits, our

loss cannot be recovered. We cannot hoard time so that we can spend it another day.

–Billy Graham

Time is the medium in which we live.

–Billy Graham

The greatest surprise in my life is the brevity of life.

–Billy Graham

For some of us, life will be long. For others, life will be surprisingly short. If you reach my age, you will wonder where the time has gone.

–Billy Graham

Time is the capital we have been given by God to invest wisely.

–Billy Graham

We can't count our days but we can make our days count. We can invest whatever time is ours for high yield return in the lives of people whom we introduce to Christ.

–Billy Graham

Nothing is more unworthy of a wise man or ought to trouble him more than to have allowed more time for trifling and useless things than they deserved.

–Plato

As the winning worker soon learns, time is his best ally. He will not misuse it; nor will he kill his chances by killing it. He makes every minute of his working hour productive. And he sometimes steals from his allotment for sleep and play.

–D.P. Luben

TITHING

Bring ye all the tithe into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.

–Bible

Malachi 3:10

God demands the tithe, deserves the offerings, defends the savings and directs the expenses.

–Stephen Olford

Giving a tenth is nothing to brag about.

–Samuel Chadwick

The basis of our giving is the tithe. We are to give a tithe and it is God's; and we don't begin giving an offering until we have already given the tithe.

–Billy Graham

Tithing was instituted well before the giving of the law, which came hundreds of years after Abraham. Tithing is a fundamental and unalterable principle of God.

–Dr. R. Klimionok

When we have grasped the fact that God is the source of all things, and that He can be relied upon completely to provide our every need, we too will want to respond by giving back to Him "tithes of all".

–Dr. R. Klimionok

...Paying our tithes is an act by which we acknowledge the sovereignty of God and practice obedience.

–David Yonggi Cho

We must give our tithes to the house where we get our spiritual meat, namely one's own church, for if we take the tithe and decide to give it to some other place or person, according to our whim this is still not acknowledging the sovereignty of God as in Malachi 3:10–12.

–David Yonggi Cho

We must give the precise amount. One-tenth of all our income. If we interpret the regulation of the tithe freely, as we like, and give thank offerings, Sunday offerings and alms out of the tithe, that is not paying all the tithe.

–David Yonggi Cho

By accepting Jesus Christ as our Saviour, we have acknowledged the spiritual sovereignty of God, and by giving our tithes we have admitted His supreme power over the material world.

–David Yonggi Cho

Many a pastor becomes distressed when he finds that his members are sending their tithe off to ministries that are already extremely wealthy, and who spend the money received on dubious projects that seem to be more for the purpose of glorifying the evangelist or the flesh rather than promoting the kingdom of God.

–William F. Hill

What is Holiness?

TRAINING

Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.

– Bible

Proverbs 22:6

Young converts should be trained to labour for Christ, just as carefully as young recruits in the army are trained for war. The plan is to train a body of devoted Christians who know how to pray, and how to converse with people about their souls, and how to attend anxious meetings, and deal with enquirers and how to save souls.

–Charles Grandison Finney

To build strong and powerful Churches, we as leaders have to know how to find, train, and manage the right people for the right job.

–Casey Treat

Your greatest teaching and training tool is your own example.

–Casey Treat

Without training, you really are not building a strong leadership team.

–Casey Treat

In training Church workers, the church of Jesus Christ is automatically increasing. Trained workers will use their skills and talents to become deeply involved in the ministry of the church. This results in qualitative growth in the overall membership of the church.

–David Yonggi Cho

I have always said we should ensure that our children are given proper home training so that they know how to dress well and speak humbly and clearly.

– Gamaliel O. Onosode

Speech, 2004

TRIALS

Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.

–Bible

James 1:12

The trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ.

1 Peter 1:7

If our confidence is in God, we can know that there is a reason for our trials, even when we don't know what that reason is.

–Ross Rhoads

The gem cannot be polished without friction, nor man perfected without trials.

–Chinese Proverb

It is thus through our trials and affliction that God gives us fresh revelations of Himself; and the Jabbok Ford leads to Peniel, where, as the result of our wrestling, we see God face to face, and our lives are preserved.

–William Taylor

God often sends us trials that our grace may be discovered, and that we may be certified of their existence. Besides, it is not merely discovery, *real growth in grace* is the result of sanctified trials.

–C.H. Spurgeon

Whether we are Christians or not, there are trials to face in life. The difference in the Christians' life is that God's grace is sufficient to triumph through them and bear up under them.

–Cynthia Heald

Becoming a Woman of Excellence

The pressure helps us to understand the trials of others, and fits us to help and sympathize with them.

–A.B. Simpson

Trials and hard places are needed to press us forward, even as the furnace fires in the hold of that mighty ship give force that moves the piston, drives the engine, and propels that great vessel across the sea in the face of the winds and waves.

–A.B. Simpson

TRUTH

Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbour: for we are members one of another.

–Bible

Ephesians 4:25

Run ye to and fro through the streets of Jerusalem, and see now, and know, and seek in the broad places thereof, if ye can find a man, if there be any that executeth judgment, that seeketh the truth; and I will pardon it. And though they say The Lord liveth; surely they swear falsely.

Jeremiah 5:1, 2

Always tell the truth, and you never have to remember what you said.

-T.L. Osborn

A big lie is often more plausible than the truth.

- Anon

Better an ugly truth than a beautiful lie.

-Anon

Give a man a mask and he will speak the truth.

-Anon

UNFORGIVING

But if ye do not forgive, neither will your father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses.

–Bible

Mark 11:26

Then his Lord, after that he had called him, said unto him, O thou wicked servant, I forgave thee all that debt, because thou desirest me: shouldest not thou also have had compassion on thy fellow servant, even as I had pity on thee? And his Lord was wroth, and delivered him to the tormentors, till he should pay all that was due unto him. So likewise shall my heavenly father do also unto you, if ye from your hearts forgive not every one his brother their trespasses.

Matthew 18:32–35

Those who never seek or offer forgiveness relate to others on a very superficial basis or they disobey God in not rebuilding disturbed relationships.

–R. Lofton Hudson

Unforgiveness does a great deal more damage to the vessel in which it is stored than the object on which it is poured.

–John L. Mason

Without forgiveness, life is governed by an endless cycle of resentment and retaliation.

–John L. Mason

Unforgiveness is a hard, relentless paymaster. Its victim suffers physically, mentally and spiritually as he harbours his harsh feelings against other believers.

–John Lineberry

The person who does not forgive will destroy the bridge over which he himself must walk someday.

–John Lineberry

Many churches miss the Lord's blessing upon their testimonies because some members possess an unforgiving spirit.

–John Lineberry

UNITY

Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!

–Bible

Psalms 133:1

Endeavouring to keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace.

Ephesians 4:3

Weak people, when united, become strong.

–Anon

The spirit of God requires unity to work and the very fact of our factious disunity makes impossible His glorious presence among us.

–Sarah Foulkes Moore

In a word, if Christians expect to unite in prayer and effort so as to prevail with God, they must be agreed in speaking and doing the same things, in walking by the same rule, and maintaining the same principles and in persevering till they obtain the blessing, so as not to hinder or thwart each others efforts.

–Charles G. Finney

Lectures on Revival of Religion

VISION

Where there is no vision, the people perish but he that keepeth the law, happy is he.

–Bible

Proverbs 29:18

And the Lord answered me, and said, write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it.

Habakkuk 2:2

No man that does not see visions will ever realize any high hope or undertake any high enterprise.

–Woodrow Wilson

If we do not get back to visions, peeps into heaven, consciousness of the higher glory and the larger life, we shall lose our religion; our altar will become a bare stone, unblessed by visitations from heaven.

–Dr. Joseph Parker

The good man out of the good vision of his heart brings forth good things, or good treasure.

–Casey Treat

Your vision controls how far you go and what you accomplish.

–Casey Treat

The vision you have for the church and the ministry you are involved with must be clear and understood by the entire staff. You have to talk about it over and over.

–Casey Treat

Vision adds value to everything.

–John C. Maxwell

If your vision doesn't cost you something, it's a daydream.

–John C. Maxwell

The future belongs to those who see possibilities before they become obvious.

–John Scully

A leader must be able to envision the end result of the policies or methods he advocates. Responsible leadership always looks ahead to see how policies proposed will affect not only present but succeeding generations.

–J.Oswald Sanders

Spiritual Leadership

VISITATION

And Joseph said unto his brethren, I die: and God will surely visit you, and bring you out of this land unto the land which he sware to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

–Bible

Genesis 50: 24

And some days after Paul said unto Barnabas, Let us go again and visit our brethren in every city where we have preached the word of the Lord, and see how they do.

The Acts 15:36

Visit, for your Christian service is incomplete without it.

–William Booth

WAR

From whence come wars and fighting among you? Come they not hence, even of your lusts that war in your members?

–Bible

James 4:1

And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet.

Matthew 24:6

In war, the best defensive is offensive.

–Marshal Foch

War is the greatest plague that can afflict humanity; it destroys religion, it destroys states, it destroys families. Any scourge is preferable to it.

–Martin Luther

War should belong to the tragic past, in history. It should find no place on humanity's agenda for the future.

–Pope John Paul II

Karol Wojtyla

War is a coward's way of escaping the problems of peace.

–Anon

I am convinced that one of the most vivid and tragic signs of man's rebellion against God's order in our present generation is the possibility of a nuclear war.

– Billy Graham

All wars are civil wars because we are all brothers.

–Anon

You may win the war but lose the peace.

–Anon

One of mankind's most difficult tasks has been to control the acts of warring nations by international laws.

–Roger D. Congdon

The art of war is a science in which nothing succeeds which has not been calculated and thought over.

–Napoleon Bonaparte

Old men make wars – young men die in them.

–Anon

Onward, Christian Soldiers!

Marching as to war,

Looking unto Jesus,

Who is gone before;

Christ, the Royal Master,

Leads against the foe;

Forward into battle,

See His banners go.

–Sabine Baring Gould (1865)

WARFARE

This charge I commit unto thee, son Timothy, according to the prophesies which went before on thee, that thou by them mightest war a good warfare.

–Bible

1 Timothy 1:18

For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh. (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds ;)

II Corinthians 10:3, 4

The minister is engaged in a continuous warfare.

–Gordon Lindsay

The Charismatic Ministry

The Christian walk is a prayer warfare. How much more is this true in the case of those who are actively engaged in preaching the gospel. They become the favorite targets of Satan, and unless bulwarks are built against the enemy, he will surely attack them at their weakest point.

–Gordon Lindsay.

The primary place of attack by Satan is in the mind and thought life!!

–John Osteen

The entire church age has been one of spiritual warfare, and that warfare is increasing as we approach the end of this age.

–Rick Joyner

Breaking the Power of Evil

Those who refuse to acknowledge the reality of the spiritual warfare are inevitably overcome by it. Even so we need not fear – He who is in us is much greater than he who is in the world.

Ibid

WEAKNESS

Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.

–Bible

Matthew 26:41

Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered.

1 Peter 3:7

Those that are weak in themselves may yet do wonders, being strong in the Lord and in the power of his might; and those that are most diffident of themselves may be most confident in God. God's presence puts an honour upon the worthless, wisdom and strength into the weak and foolish, makes the greatest difficulties dwindle to nothing, and is enough to answer all objections.

–**Matthew Henry**

Our weakness gives opportunity for the power of the Lord Jesus Christ to be manifested. That blessed one never leaves and never forsakes us. The greater the weakness, the nearer He is to manifest His strength; the greater our necessities, the more have we ground to rely on it that He will prove Himself our Friend. This has been my experience for 70 years; the greater the trial, the greater the difficulty, the nearer the Lord's help ... Therefore our business is just to pour out our hearts before Him; and help in His own time and way is sure to come.

–**George Muller**

Vacillation is the prominent feature of weakness of character.

–**Voltaire**

Although men are accused of not knowing their own weakness, yet perhaps as few know their own strength. It is in men as in soils, where sometimes there is a vein of gold, which the owner knows not of.

–**Jonathan Swift**

Our strength is seen in the things we stand for; our weakness is seen in the things we fall for.

–**Theodore Epp**

I am so weak I cannot write; I cannot read my Bible; I cannot even pray. I can only lie still in God's arms like a little child, and trust.

–**Hudson Taylor**, written in a letter to his dear friend in the closing months of his life.

WIFE

House and riches are the inheritance of fathers; and a prudent wife is from the LORD.

–Bible

Proverbs 19:14

Who can find a virtuous woman? For her price is far above rubies. The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil. She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life.

Proverbs 31:10–12

Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands as, unto the Lord.

Ephesians 5:22

Certainly the happiest and most useful ministers are those whose wives have provided them with a congenial home atmosphere.

–Gordon Lindsay

It is a sad house where the hen crows louder than the cockerel.

–Anon

An obedient wife rules her husband.

–Anon

Woe to the house where the hen crows and the rooster keeps still.

–Spanish proverb

Better to have a plain wife for yourself than a beautiful wife for others.

–Anon

The most immediate privilege of the pastor's wife is to make her husband happy. The best place to let her light shine is through the windows of a happy home; by making the house neat and attractive, by planning wholesome meals, not too heavy; by keeping him from over indulgence of appetite; by rearing several children aright; by talking over any problems on which he wants light; and refraining from being boss of the congregation. She may be the power behind the throne, but she ought not to be the big stick. Love works best by indirection.

–Andrew W. Blackwood

Wives are young men's mistresses, companions for middle age, and old men's nurses.

–Francis Bacon

Between a man and his wife nothing ought to rule but love. Authority is for children and servants, yet not without sweetness.

–William Penn.

WISDOM

Better is a poor and a wise child than an old foolish king who will no more be admonished.

–Bible

Ecclesiastes 4:13

If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.

James 1:5

Wisdom opens the eyes both to the glories of heaven and to the hollowness of earth.

–J.A. Motyer

What the fool does in the end the wise man does at the beginning.

–Anon

Wisdom is better than strength.

–Anon

Surely the essence of wisdom is that before we begin to act at all, or attempt to please God, we should discover what it is that God has to say about the matter.

–D. Marlyn Lloyd – Jones

No man is born wise or learned.

–Anon

Trouble brings experience and experience brings wisdom.

–Anon

Wisdom is to the mind what health is to the body.

–Francois La Rochefou'cauld

In the company of fools, a wise man looks foolish.

–Anon

Nine tenths of wisdom is being wise in time.

–Theodore Roosevelt

Speech, 14 June 1917

It is a fact that those whose lives are daily being conformed to the word and purposes of God will see issues more plainly.

–Malcolm Watts

Don't mock the alligator until you are across the stream.

–An old axiom

WITNESSING

And ye also shall bear witness, because ye have been with me from the beginning.

Bible

John 15:27

John's main business was to bear witness to the light and this may be yours and mine. John was content to be only a voice, if men would think of Jesus.

–George Matheson

Be willing to be a voice, heard but not seen; a mirror whose surface is lost to view, because it reflects the dazzling glory of the sun; a breeze that springs up just before day light, and says, "The dawn! The dawn!" and then dies away.

–George Matheson

We are responsible to tell the world about Jesus.

–Casey Treat

God wants us to stand and to witness to the Lord Jesus Christ wherever we are.

–Billy Graham

While we are called to participate in the redemptive process, we are not permitted to control it. We are evangelists of Jesus Christ, and it is not our duty to determine who will receive God's truth. Our duty is to declare his truth.

– Stephen M. Hooks

WORK

I must work the works of him that sent me while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work.

– Bible

John 9:4

For even when we were with you, this we commanded you, that if any would not work, neither should he eat. For we hear that there are some which walk among you disorderly, working not at all, but are busybodies.

II Thessalonians 3:10, 11

If you work for a man, for heaven's sake work for him.

–Kim Hubbard

God gives every bird its food, but he does not throw it into the nest.

–Thomas Edison

I never did anything worth doing by accident, nor did any of my inventions come by accident; they came by work.

– Thomas Edison

A dairymaid can milk cows to the glory of God.

– Martin Luther

A man willing to work, and unable to find work, is perhaps the saddest sight that fortune's inequality exhibits under the sun. –**Thomas Carlyle**
Chartism

Unless the job means more than the pay it will never pay more.
H.Bertram Lewis

The return from your work must be the satisfaction which that work brings you and the world's need of that work. With this, life is heaven, or as near heaven as you can get. Without this with work which you despise, which bores you, and which the world does not need – this life is hell.
–**W.E.B. Du Bois** (To His Newborn Great –Grandson).

My father taught me to work; he did not teach me to love it.
– **Abraham Lincoln**

To youth I have but three words of counsel – work, work, work.
– **Otto Von Bismarck**
Sayings of Bismarck

Shall this life of mine be wasted?
Shall this vineyard lie untilled?

Then, no longer idly dreaming,
Shall I fling my years away;
But, each precious hour redeeming,
Wait for the eternal day.
–**Dr Horatius Bonar**

Hard work has no standing in and no successor. Cultivate good relations with others, but work. Study as much as you can, but work. And if your talents and natural abilities are sparse, work harder. Fortunes are found in everyday pains.
–**D.P. Luben**

Two things rob people of their peace of mind: work unfinished and work not yet begun.
–**John Mason**
You're Born An Original, Don't Die A Copy

WORLDLINESS

Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof but he that doeth the will of God abideth forever.

–Bible

1 John 2: 15-17

Worldliness is what any particular culture does to make sin look normal and righteousness look strange.

–David Wells

A man caught up with this world is not ready for the next.

– Joseph Alliance

If you are wise, let the world pass, lest you pass away with the world.

–St. Augustine

It is scarcely possible in most places to get anyone to attend a meeting where the only attraction is God.

–A.W.Tozer

Our daily occupation, reading, dress, friendships and other similar phases of life are all legitimate and necessary, but can easily become illegitimate, unnecessary and harmful. Worldliness is thus not confined to any particular rank, walk, or circumstance of life so that we can separate this class from that and call one worldly and the other unworldly, one spiritual and the other unspiritual.

–Dr Griffith Thomas

Worldliness is a spirit, an atmosphere, an influence permeating the whole of life and human society, and it needs to be guarded against constantly and strenuously.

–Dr Griffith Thomas

Pleasure, profit, preferment are the worldling's trinity.

–John Trapp

I looked for the Church and I found it in the world; I looked for the world and I found it in the Church.

– Horatius Bonar

If we find ourselves attached to this worldly system we live among we are in danger.

–William F.Hill

What is Holiness?

Most churches preached against worldly amusements years ago. Preachers in almost every denomination cried against drinking alcoholic beverages, smoking cigarettes, attending the theatre and dance, gambling and sexual sins. Now, there are a large number of Churches incorporating many of these things into their programmes.

Ibid

Worldliness and Christianity are two such ends as never meet.

–Nehemiah Rogers

You might as well talk about a heavenly devil as talk about a worldly Christian.

–Billy Sunday

Worldly glory is but a breath, a vapour, a froth, a phantasm, a shadow, a reflection, an apparition, a very nothing.

–Thomas Brook.

WORRY

Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature?

–Bible

Matthew 6:27

Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanks–

giving let your requests be made known unto God.

Philippians 4:6

A day of worry is more exhausting than a day of work.

– **John Lubbock**

Worry is a thin stream of fear trickling through the mind. If encouraged, it cuts a channel into which all other thoughts are drained.

–**Arthor Roche**

If you are distressed by anything external, the pain is not due to the thing itself, but to your estimate of it and this you have the power to revoke at any moment.

–**Marcus Aurelius**

People would worry less about what others think of them if they only realize how seldom they do.

– **John L. Mason**

Do not build mental monsters of fear and worry.

–**Mike Murdock**

Worry is fear without a decision.

–**Anon**

Worry is a horrible sin. Worry is the opposite of faith and trust.

–**John R. Rice**

It is not work but worry that kills.

–**Anon**

Worry spoils lives which would otherwise be useful and beautiful.

–**Rev Darlow Sargeant**

What is the use of worrying? It never made anybody strong; never helped anybody to do God's will; never made a way of escape for anyone out of perplexity.

–**Rev. Darlow Sargeant**

Fear and worry are interest paid in advance on something you may never own.

–John L Mason

The world is too much with us.

– William Wordsworth

Worry lays upon life burdens that it was never meant to bear and casts deep and unnatural shadows upon the spirit of man.

–Norman Vincent Peale

The New Art of Living

Adopt the attitude of dwelling upon your blessings instead of your troubles, especially the ones which have not happened but which you anticipate with worry.

Ibid

We can not meet our problems successfully unless we have a calm and undisturbed spirit.

Ibid

If you think too much, you will probably find something to worry about.

–Anonymous

To become rich is not the end of our worries but the change of our worries.

–Anonymous

One resolution I have made and try to always keep is this – to rise above little things.

–John Burroughs

WORSHIP

O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the LORD our maker.

–Bible

Psalms 95:6

God is a spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

John 4:24

And Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God. And all the people answered, Amen, Amen, with lifting up of their hands; and they bowed their heads, and worshipped the LORD with their faces to the ground.

Nehemiah 8:6

It has been said that when man dethrones God, he deifies and worships himself.

–G. Campbell Morgan

Worship is the soul bowing itself in adoring contemplation before the object worshipped. To worship God is to bow before God in adoring contemplation of Himself.

–R.A. Torrey

What the Bible Teaches

As we worship God His power flows into us. Nights spent in contact with God, on our faces before Him in worship, are followed by days of power in contact with men. One great secret of the lack of power in service today is absence of worship in our relations to God Himself.

Ibid

It is as the soul bows itself before Him to remember His greatness and His holiness, His power and His love, and seeks to give Him the honour and reverence and the worship that are His due that the heart will be opened to receive the divine impression of the nearness of God and of the working of His power.

–Andrew Murray

No greater calamity can befall a nation than the loss of worship.

Thomas Carlyle

Men who refuse to worship the true God now worship themselves with tender devotion.

–A.W. Tozer

If Socrates would enter the room we should rise and do him honour. But if Jesus Christ came into the room we should fall down on our knees and worship Him.

–Napoleon Bonaparte

You may worship God anywhere at any time, but the chances are that you will not

do so unless you have first learned to worship him in some particular place at some particular time.

–Theodore Roosevelt

We will never truly know God until we worship him, and we will never really worship him unless we know him. To know him – to understand the majesty and magnificence of his person – is to fall down immediately and worship him.

–David Jeremiah

Worship

Worship is man's response to the nature and action of God.

–Ralph Martin

Worship in the Early Church

Indeed, I have discovered in my own life that corporate worship is the taproot of my spiritual life. It is the source of my spiritual life and growth.

–Robert Webber

Reverence is essential to worship.

–Frank Gabelein

Many times my focus has been on my performance rather than on worship of the Lord. It is very doubtful that a person can lead another person in worship if he himself is not worshipping.

–Karl Kloppmann, M. Div

No one can worship God who consciously gives sin a place in his life...God will reject worship offered to Him by unclean hands.

–Karl Kloppmann, M. Div

When preaching is an act of worship and the message is given to God as an offering from the minister's heart, then God can take the message and bless it.

–Warren Wiersbe

Real Worship, Nelson

To worship God is to realize the purpose for which God created us.

–Herbert M. Carson

Public worship will not exclude us from secret worship.

–**Matthew Henry**

Where feelings for God are dead, worship is dead.

–**John Piper**

Worship is the submission of all our nature to God. It is the quickening of conscience by his holiness, the nourishment of the mind with his truth, the purifying of the imagination by his beauty, the opening of the heart to his love, the surrender of the will to his purpose.

–**William Temple**

Worship is the highest function of the human soul.

–**Geoffrey R. King**

Worship then, is not part of the Christian life; it is the Christian life.

–**Gerald Vann**

The more we see of God the more cause we shall see to worship him with reverence and godly fear.

–**Matthew Henry**

We ought to approach God with a solemn pause and preparation; and though bodily exercise alone profits little, yet we ought to glorify God with our bodies, and to express our inward reverence by a grave and reverent behaviour in the worship of God, carefully avoiding everything that looks light, and rude, and unbecoming of the awfulness of the service.

–**Matthew Henry**

WRITING

For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope.

–**Bible**

What is written without effort is in general read without pleasure.

–**Dr. Samuel Johnson**

Johnsonian Miscellanies

There are a thousand thoughts lying within a man that he does not know till he takes up the pen to write.

–**William Makepeace Thackeray**

The History of Henry Esmond

First and foremost on the creative side of a newspaper is the absolute necessity for unending, insatiable curiosity about people: The Compelling drive to know not only what they do, but why they do it. The judgment that makes a–top–flight reporter or editor grows out of this kind of endless curiosity. He must spot and then spotlight the why as well as the how, and when and where, of routine news coverage. It is this “why” that signals which news is of the greatest importance, which is moderately so and which is unimportant.

–**Marshall Field IV**

I write too many letters, I write too many memos. I read too many manuscripts, I read too many complaints, I read too many reports. I don’t have the time to do my own creative writing. I haven’t had time to write.

– **Aigboje Higo**, Executive Chairman, Heinemann Nigeria

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Writing: I certainly do rewrite my central myth in every book, and would never read or trust any writer who did not also do so.

–**Northrop Frye**

The reason why so few good books are written is that so few people who can write know anything.

–**Walter Bagehot**

Journalism means for us an unlimited interest in the whole of human life.

–**Eric Hedgins**, vice president of Time Inc.

No one writes well who is not rich in experiences, ideas and language, the medium of communication.

–C. Jairu Feludu

Those who write to please or excite the base nature of their audience may gain by it, but would certainly destroy their precious virtues that take effort to instill and imbibe.

– C. Jairu Feludu

YIELDING

Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin; but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God.

–Bible

Romans 6:13

God – yielded wills find the God – planned life.

–James McConkey

There is only one thing God wants in us, and that is unconditional surrender.

–Oswald Chambers

My utmost for His Highest

If the devil succeeds at deceiving you and you yield to temptation, you are taking steps towards backsliding and sin. If you yield on one occasion, he will come against you with a stronger force when he comes to tempt you again. If you yield to temptation the second time, the devil will look for more avenues for tempting you. He will increase his efforts and he might even work overtime on you. If you keep on yielding to Satan you will become his slave.

–W. F. Kumuyi

The Overcomer

The world has yet to see what God can do through one man wholly surrendered to Him.

– D.L. Moody

YOUTH AND AGE

Rejoice, O young man, in thy youth; and let thy heart cheer thee in the days of thy youth, and walk in the ways of thine heart, and in the sight of thine eyes: but know thou, that for all these things God will bring thee into judgment.

–Bible

Ecclesiastes 11:9

I have written unto you, fathers, because ye have known him that is from the beginning. I have written unto you, young men, because ye are strong, and the word of God abideth in you, and ye have overcome the wicked one.

1 John 2:14

And Saul said to David, Thou art not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him: for thou art but a youth, and he a man of war from his youth.

1 Samuel 17:33

The Youth of a Nation are the Trustees of Posterity.

–**Benjamin Disraeli**

Sybil

Crabbed age and youth cannot live together:

Youth is full of pleasance, age is full of care.

–**William Shakespeare**

The Passionate Pilgrim

Growing into a man is never easy, and it's something that must be done alone, part of the time. But that doesn't mean that the men of the world can't point a kid in the right direction.

–**Annetta H. Bridges**

“Help Your Son Become a Man”,

published in *For Men Only*, edited by J. Allan Petersen

ZEAL

Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved. For I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge.

–Bible

Romans 10:1, 2

What marvel the devil does not love field preaching! Neither do I; I love a commodious room, a soft cushion, a handsome pulpit. But where is my zeal, if I do not trample all these under foot in order to save one more soul?

–John Wesley

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